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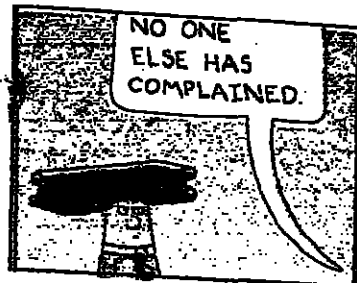
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Senate votes to acquit Clinton

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON — The Senate acquitted President Bill Clinton of both articles of impeachment Friday, with votes that fell far short of the two-thirds majority needed to remove him from office.

The decision, in only the second-ever presidential impeachment trial, capped a five-week process and ended a more-than-year-long national ordeal that began with the publication of Clinton's affair with then White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Only 45 of the 100 Senators judged Clinton guilty of the first charge of perjury, and the members split 50-50 on the question of obstruction of justice. All 45 Democrats found Clinton not guilty on both counts, with 10



President Bill Clinton prepares to give his weekly radio address from the Oval Office yesterday. The busts in the foreground are of former presidents Franklin Roosevelt (left) and Harry Truman.

Starr's probe not
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Republicans concurring on the first charge and five on the second.

"The Senate, having tried William Jefferson Clinton, president of the US, upon two articles of impeachment exhibited against him by the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the Senators present not having found him guilty of the charges contained therein, it is therefore ordered and adjudged that the said William Jefferson Clinton be, and he hereby is, acquitted of the charges in the said articles," intoned Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist after the two votes were recorded.

Sensors of both parties cautioned that Clinton should not interpret the acquittals as a vindication of his behavior.

However, a Democratic motion to censure the president after the vote failed and, with the Senate ready to move on to its legislative agenda, it is highly unlikely that the measure will be revived after the upcoming congressional recess, lawmakers said later.

An hour after the vote, Clinton again apologized for his actions and, in a signal to Congress that he

seeks no revenge for the impeachment and subsequent trial, voiced hope that this "can be and this must be a time of reconciliation and renewal for America."

"Now that the Senate has fulfilled its constitutional responsibility, bringing this process to a conclusion, I want to say again to the American people how profoundly sorry I am for what I said and did to trigger these events and the great burden they have imposed on the Congress and on the American people," Clinton

told reporters at the White House.

"I also am humbled and very grateful for the support and the prayers I have received from millions of Americans over this past year."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott made a move in the direction of reconciliation, saying yesterday in the weekly Republican radio address: "We must move forward on the people's business. We must do our job."

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Clinton turns to rebuilding his tarnished presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a year of scandal and shame, President Bill Clinton now must try to rebuild his tarnished presidency. Surprisingly, he may discover some unlikely allies among the Republicans who tried to force him from office.

No matter what, Clinton will go into the history books with the humiliating distinction of being only the second president ever impeached. His challenge is to make historians write in the next paragraph that he was a successful

president nevertheless.

Republicans are in trouble, too. Their zest for impeachment backfired and angered voters, who concluded they were more interested in lynching Clinton than in fixing Social Security and health care. Republicans sagged in the polls as Clinton soared.

Clinton and his Republican adversaries share a common need to convince voters that they can get things done. The president wants to repair his legacy: the Republicans want to save their political skins. Both sides are angling for advantage in the 2000 elections.

"The Republicans are as desperate for success as Bill Clinton is," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother.

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Labor prepares for primary

By LIAT COLLINS

As Labor Party candidates continued to race up and down the country last night to meet the voters who can determine their political future, party secretary-general Ranan Cohen called on those eligible to vote in tomorrow's primary elections to turn out "and take part in the celebration of democracy."

He said he hopes for a 50 percent turnout, although other party officials say the figure is likely to be much lower.

Talk of political "hit lists" and lists of preferred candidates continues to haunt Labor.

Several Labor MKs have no chance of returning as they are competing against each other for the same slots. These include Yossi Katz and Yona Yabav in

Haifa; Avi Yehezkel and Rafi Elul in the coastal area; and Sofa Landver and Adisu Massala as the immigrant representative.

The focus over the weekend was on a list purporting to name party leader Ehud Barak's preferred candidates, including: Matan Vilna'i, Dalia Itzik, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Haim Ramon, Landver, Yossi Beilin and Shlomo Ben-Ami.

Cohen rejected as "unfounded rubbish" the rumors of wheeling and dealing, and said only the 163,000 party members eligible to vote will be able to determine the results. "It is impossible to influence the vote like that when you are talking about so many voters at polling booths at 372 sites throughout the country," he said.

Each voter must mark the names of between nine and 11 candidates. Voters may also name five (from the nine - 11 they chose) they believe should be at the top of the list.

This is where the battle is particularly fierce because it means the chance of a cabinet seat in a Labor-led government. Among

those competing here are: Ben-Ami, Beilin, Ramon, Uzi Baram, Avraham Burg, Vilna'i, Ben-Eliezer and Avraham Shohat.

Others who see themselves in the running are Ephraim Sneh, Ori Orr, Oren Shahor, Ophir Pines-Paz, and Shevah Weiss. Dalia Itzik is hoping for a top spot without relying on a reserved slot for women.

There are 45 candidates for the 16 slots on the national list. Four slots are reserved in the top 10 for Barak, Shimon Peres, Cohen (seventh) and a woman (ninth).

Before submitting the list to the Central Elections Committee at the end of March, Barak is also expected to bring in several people through his One Israel movement. Names mentioned include Geshur leader David Levy, Bat Yam local politician Shlomo Lahiani, and Major-General (res.) Yossi Peled.

Polls predict the big names this time will be Ben-Ami and Burg. Ramon's standing is under a big question mark, even though he was largely responsible for moving up the national elections.

300,000 set to attend rally

PM holds last-minute talks with rabbis

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Separated by only a few hundred meters of road, opposing groups of demonstrators are to gather in Jerusalem today in protest against and in support of the Supreme Court.

The organizers of a haredi rally against the court said they expect some 300,000 participants, while the leaders of a counter-demonstration said they expect some 20,000 at their rally.

In an apparent attempt to prevent violence from erupting during the protests, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held an emergency meeting last night with Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron. The meeting was called "in an effort to calm spirits and to create dialogue," a statement from Netanyahu's office said. Also present were Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, Agudat Yisrael leader and former MK Menachem Porush, and former vice president of the Supreme Court Menachem Elon.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani last night issued a plea for restraint on both sides and warned that violence would not be tolerated.

ance on Channel 1, a threat was reported against Meretz Party leader Yossi Sarid. According to Israel Radio, a message left on voice mail warned Sarid that, unless the counterprotest is cancelled, "the next bullet would hit" his head.

Kahalani said that police would aim to keep the participants of the two demonstrations apart, to see that none of the protesters reached the Supreme Court, which is just a short distance away, and to try to keep the

central traffic arteries of the capital open.

The haredi rally, which plans only a prayer-meeting, is to take place in the open area between the old central bus station and the Jerusalem International Convention Center, while the group defending the Supreme Court is to meet in Sacher Park, down the hill from the haredi gathering.

However, many schools in the capital are to close early because of the expectation that traffic throughout the city will become hopelessly jammed from noon on. Drivers are

warned not to use the main entrance to the city.

The haredi demonstration protesting the decisions of the Supreme Court, especially in its role as the High Court of Justice - which the organizers describe as anti-religious and contrary to Halacha - is to mark a wide spectrum of observant Jews from haredim to some supporters of the National Religious Party.

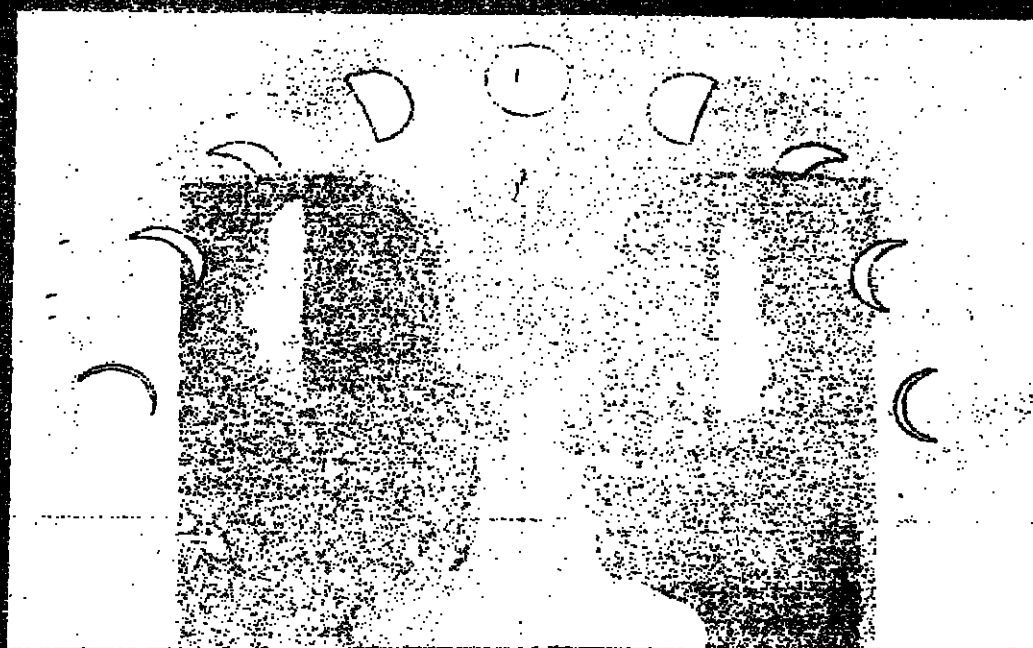
Busloads of demonstrators were already heading into the city last night from Bnei Brak and elsewhere. Israel Radio said, Rabbis in the haredi camp have issued a decree allowing students to abandon their Torah studies to take part.

Shas mentor and former chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef also urged followers to attend today's rally and to recite psalms, but to avoid violence.

The counterdemonstration, which has been named Supreme Elton, is a broad coalition including groups dedicated to good government, such as the Movement for Quality Government, the National Union of Israeli Students, Kibbutz Arava, the United Kibbutz Movement, and Hemdat, a wide coalition of groups supporting freedom of religion.

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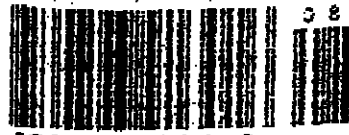


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NEWS

in brief

Man killed in explosion left suicide note

A man was killed in an explosion in an open field in the industrial zone of Rosh Ha'ayin yesterday evening. A Sharon District police spokesman said last night that the man, 24, was identified by his wallet, which led police to his apartment where they found a suicide note.

He said the victim had apparently placed an explosive near his head, which was blown off in the blast. Israel Radio said the explosive was a fragmentation grenade. Channel 1 said that, shortly after the 5:45 p.m. blast, the area was sealed off and searched for other explosives.

Heidi J. Gleit

Dutch delay El Al model rocket shipment

Customs officials in Holland, where a parliamentary inquiry is taking place into the crash of an El Al cargo plane six years ago, on Thursday held up for three days a trans-shipment of plastic model rockets en route from Tel Aviv to an exhibition in Melbourne.

In response, El Al on Friday issued a sharp statement saying the airline had given a precise description of the cargo and that by holding the items, the authorities were harming El Al's client. The airline said it understands Holland's sensitivity due to the inquiry, but it is illogical for an airline that spends millions of dollars a year to ensure the safety of its clients, passengers, and cargo would carry goods that would be to its own detriment.

Haim Shapiro

Jaffa lists wins TA council seat

The Joint List for Jaffa, headed by Nassim Shacar, won a seat in the Tel Aviv City Council in Thursday's revote.

The list, which was 14 votes short of winning a seat in the November election, demanded the revote after learning that its ballots were not available at a number of polling places.

Nine polling stations in central and south Tel Aviv were reopened on Thursday as a result.

Shacar said that he intends to work for the whole city, not just for Jaffa.

"What's important is that Jaffa and Tel Aviv are one city and that we won thanks to the votes in Tel Aviv," he said.

Heidi J. Gleit

Shamir decries loss of bodyguards

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Friday that he called Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office to complain that the General Security Service had stopped providing him with a bodyguard. Shamir, 83, told AP, "I don't think this is justified."

AP

Assad to German FM: Syria committed to peace

Syrian President Hafez Assad told visiting German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer yesterday Syria is committed to working for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, a spokesman said.

Presidential spokesman Joubran Kourieh said Fischer, who is on a tour of the region, briefed Assad on his efforts to revive the stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Reuters

German gov't. establishes new Holocaust fund

The German government plans to establish a new fund to settle claims from Jewish groups and other victims of the Nazi regime who were not covered by previous reparations programs, such as Jewish victims in the East and non-Jewish former forced laborers. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said at the weekend in New York.

The German government, which has paid more than NIS 236 billion to Israel and individual Nazi victims, will not itself contribute to the new fund, instead, the "German Remembrance Fund" will be financed by German banks and industry.

This is "not a question of government reparations," Schroeder said at a press conference. "That has already been settled forever."

Marilyn Henry

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our mother and grandmother

JEAN HARTSTEIN

The funeral will be held today, Sunday, February 14, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Holon Cemetery.

Shiva at the Hartstein family home, Rehov Harav Kook 65, Herzliya.

The family

We mourn the passing of our father and grandfather

ABI-ASCHER KURT

The funeral will be today, Sunday, February 14, 1999, at 1 p.m. at Hayarkon Cemetery (Trans-Samaria Highway), Meeting at the entrance.

The family

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We deeply mourn the sudden, tragic and untimely death of our beloved daughter, sister and grand-daughter

DANA GRAUS

The funeral will leave from the Central Synagogue on Rehov Hazayit, Oranit, one hour after the arrival of Sabena Flight 203, scheduled to arrive today, Sunday, 28 Shvat 5759 (14/2/99) at 4:30 p.m.

Shiva at Rehov Hazayit 70, Oranit.

Lauren and Jeremy Graus
Shani, Livnat and Noa
Suzi and Eric Graus, London
Marilyn and Gideon Ferber, Givatayim

Amid conflict-of-interest charges, directors of American federations say:

Burg must step down as JA chief

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Directors of some American federations want Avraham Burg to step aside as head of the Jewish Agency, saying his race for the Knesset creates a conflict of interest and has distracted him from agency business, when funding from Diaspora communities is in serious jeopardy, sources in the US said last week.

"He always made clear that he planned to run in the next election, and indicated he would step aside. But that was supposed to be in [the year] 2000," said one American Jewish official. "No one expected an early

election, and that changes things."

Burg is expected to get a safe slot on the Labor party list in primary elections being held tomorrow.

Although he has indicated he will resign after May 17 election, the federation executives are trying to convince the Jewish Agency's lay leaders to ask him to resign or take a leave of absence by the end of the agency's board of governors meeting, which begins in Jerusalem next Sunday, sources said.

"The lay leaders would have to go to him and say, 'Avrum, it's time,' but I am not sure that is going to happen," said one executive,

who declined to be named.

Sallai Meridor of Likud, the agency's treasurer, was due to replace Burg as chairman under a rotation agreement reached last year between Labor and Likud. Meridor was kudos for being a conscientious treasurer, and some of the Americans wanted to ensure that he was installed as chairman before May, fearing that the outcome of the Israeli elections could bollix the rotation deal.

Meanwhile, voting to approve the merger of the UJA and the local American Jewish federations is expected to be complete within six weeks.

The merger plan has raised alarm among

the agency's advocates in the US because it diminishes the Israel orientation in favor of "Jewish renaissance" in the US, and also fails to guarantee funding for the agency's programs at current levels.

Artyeh Dean Cohen adds:

A Jewish Agency spokesman said last night that Burg has worked out all matters related to his giving up his position, with the agency's chairman of the board of governors Charles (Corky) Goodman, and plans to adhere to stick to those plans.

The spokesman added that "by May 18, everyone will know who the new chairman of the Jewish Agency will be."



Praying for the country

Members of the Meimad Party, led by party chairman Michael Melchior (foreground), demonstrate in support of Supreme Court President Aharon Barak opposite his home in Jerusalem on Friday. They recited the Chief Rabbi's prayer on behalf of the state, which includes a passage on behalf of its judges and leaders, and called for a boycott of today's haredi rally.

(Brain Handler)

Gridlock warning for capital

Jerusalem police last night recommended that the public avoid the center of town today and use public transportation. Those attempting to enter or leave the capital should use alternate north and south routes via Givat Ze'ev or Ein Kerem.

Jaffa Road from Nordau to Yirmiyahu streets will be closed to traffic between 5 a.m. and 6 p.m. The area of the central bus station under renovation, the Torah Mizion area adjoining the Broadcasting Authority, and Rehov Hatzvi will be closed from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rabin Boulevard will be closed from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be used as a parking lot for demonstrators' buses.

(Iim)

Probe launched into child's rape

By ARTYEH DEAN COHEN

An Education Ministry committee is to be appointed today to look into Thursday's rape of a nine-year-old girl in a Petah Tikva elementary school, ministry Director-General Benzion Dell announced Friday.

The focus of the investigation will be on what transpires between the time classes end and when children leave the building — when the girl was attacked — a spokeswoman for the Education Ministry's Central District said Friday.

The suspect in the attack, Elkayam Hananel, was remanded for 12 days on Friday by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court, for psychiatric evaluation. Police refused to allow the school to be identified, the spokeswoman said, adding that the victim is recovering at home.

According to the spokeswoman, there is more than one entrance to the school, although only one main entrance where the guard was on duty until 2 p.m. Thursday. Classes end at 1:45.

The victim reportedly was on her way home when the suspect accosted her, took her into a school bathroom and raped her, then left unnoticed. The girl was found and assisted by the father of a boy in the school who had come to pick up his son.

Besides the entrances, anyone who really wants to do something could climb a fence. We want to find out what happens between the time the pupils finish their studies and the time they really leave the building," the spokeswoman said.

PRESIDENCY

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"Is there going to be personal affection? No," said Ralph Reed, a Republican strategist. "Is there going to be a mutual institutional desire to get something done to save themselves in 2000? Yes."

"Clinton doesn't want to lose the White House, and the Republicans don't want to lose the Congress. They're more apt to lose if they get nothing done."

Clinton steered his way through the impeachment minefield by proclaiming himself dedicated to the people's business and championing politically popular causes such as education and health care. He will stick with that successful formula, frequently reminding Americans they are living through the longest economic expansion in US history.

Look for more foreign travel as well, a traditional avenue of success for American presidents.

After the impeachment votes

Friday, Clinton pledged to "rededicate ourselves to the work of serving our nation and building our future."

There is a good chance Clinton and Congress could come together on two or three big issues such as Social Security, a big defense buildup and perhaps a tax cut, said Reed, former director of the Christian Coalition.

"I tend not to buy into the conventional wisdom that this has so soured relations between the White House and Capitol Hill that we're not going to see things get done," Reed said.

Strother said Clinton "will feel enormous pressure to succeed in the last two years," but at the same time he won't want to make the Republican Congress look good.

"Don't forget, Bill Clinton is a fantastic politician," Strother said. "He will position these issues in a way that to oppose him is to oppose the American people."

Even when the impeachment battle was under way, Clinton

demonstrated he could control the agenda. His mantra last year to save Social Security short-circuited Republican hopes for a big tax cut.

Clinton followed that up this year with a plan to fix Social Security with budget surpluses. Added to that were poll-tested initiatives to reform managed-care health insurance programs, to build more schools, hire more teachers and make schools and teachers accountable to parents.

"I think the president is in a very strong position," White House domestic policy adviser Bruce Reed said. "He has a strong centrist agenda and overwhelming public support." University of Texas political scientist Bruce Buchanan said Clinton managed to trivialize the impeachment process, stake out the high ground on Social Security and put Congress in the position of having to respond to his budget.

On the foreign policy front, victories have proven elusive for Clinton. He was instrumental in

promoting the Good Friday peace agreement in Northern Ireland, but its eventual success is uncertain.

The president's peacemaking efforts in the Middle East have been stalled, too. In Bosnia, the bloodshed has stopped, only to be replaced by massacres in Kosovo, a province in the dominant Yugoslav republic of Serbia where ethnic Albanians are battling for independence. Clinton addressed that issue yesterday.

Clinton hopes to demonstrate strong leadership on both fronts in April when leaders of 44 nations gather in Washington for a NATO summit. He was flying to Mexico to underscore his commitment to a troubled neighbor.

"The reality is that domestically and overseas there will be a greater tendency to question motives than there would be otherwise," said Richard Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institute think tank.

"There's a cheesecloth now through which foreign policy will be viewed, like it or not."

ACQUIT

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Lott made good on the promise later in the speech, by hitting Clinton on his spending ideas. But he also said Republicans agree with Clinton on using most of the budget surplus to save Social Security.

A bomb scare emptied the Capitol shortly after the votes were taken on Friday, and reporters interviewed the senators in the crowded eastern plaza on the balmy February afternoon, amid hordes of tourists and demonstrators.

The conclusion to the case came as no surprise, with 44 Democrats having voted in an unsuccessful motion several weeks ago to dismiss the case immediately, and with several Republicans announcing in recent days that they intended to vote for acquittal.

But a sense of drama did imbue the trial's climax, with more spectators and journalists packing the Senate chamber than at any other time in the trial.

When it was over, senators applauded Rehnquist and their own leadership, and an escort committee ushered Rehnquist and the House managers from the room, just as they had accompanied them in on the January 7 opening of the historic trial.

In the end, knowing a two-thirds vote for conviction was hopeless, House prosecutors were unable even to achieve their more modest goal of convincing a majority of the Senate that Clinton was guilty of either count.

But they said afterward that they had argued their case as best they could under the Senate's rules and would not have done things differently.

"I have no regrets," said Henry Hyde, the chairman of the judiciary committee and the trial's lead prosecutor.

"We fulfilled our oath of office to discharge our duty according to the Constitution, and when people do that, when elected representatives do that, democracy works... Now this entire experience is in the hands of history and you, ladies and gentlemen of the press, are stewards of the truth. I trust you will judge us fairly."

Hyde also said he opposes independent counsel Kenneth Starr's reported interest in pursuing a criminal case against Clinton after the president leaves office.

"I don't think indicting and criminally trying him, after what we have all been through, is going to be helpful to the country," Hyde told reporters in a House office building near the Capitol, soon after the votes were cast.

Of the 10 Republicans who crossed party lines, Olympia Snowe, Susan Collins, Arlen Specter, John Chafee, and Jim Jeffords voted to acquit on both counts, while Slade Gorton, Richard Shelby, Ted Stevens, Fred Thompson and John Warner voted not guilty on perjury but guilty on obstruction of justice.

Clinton was doing exercises and composing his remarks during the voting, but chief of staff John Podesta informed him of the results after each article was tallied.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said that at the start of the trial "we looked for a process that was fair, bipartisan, constitutional — and I think, by and large, the process has been that."

Lockhart also sought to reassure the Senate that Clinton would not be celebrating the decision.

After the vote, Senators of both parties indicated that they were relieved that the trial is over and that they looked forward to addressing legislative priorities for the new congressional session.

Lott said that he would have no difficulty working with Clinton despite having voted to convict the president on both counts.

"You know, it won't be easy, I'm

sure, for a period of time. There will have to be a time when everybody goes off and thinks about what has happened here. But I'm not going to let it cloud my idea of what we should be doing. "We're going to move forward legislatively, and if he'll join us, that would be fine. We have to deal with him as long as he's president," Lott said.

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Israeli leaders congratulate Clinton

By DANNA HARMAN

Long months after the Monica Lewinsky case broke in Washington DC - right during Yasser Arafat's visit to the capital - top Israeli politicians heaved a public, and polite, sigh of collective relief with the conclusion of the affair and offered US President Bill Clinton their congratulations.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cabled Clinton yesterday to congratulate him and "the American people," on the Senate acquittal, adding that he hoped Clinton would now be able to concentrate more easily on the Middle East peace process.

"From now on you and the American people will be able to turn your attention back to other matters of the day, both inside and outside America," wrote Netanyahu in the cable. "First and foremost among them is the advancement of peace and security in our region."

An official at the Prime Minister's Office admitted however, that, in fact, Clinton's ordeal had not stopped him in any way from being involved in the peace process. On the contrary, said the official, "perhaps it is because he wanted to divert his and the American public's attention from the case, that he worked even harder."

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak also cabled Clinton over the weekend, and expressed confidence that he would now lead the US along the successful path he has forged over the past six years.

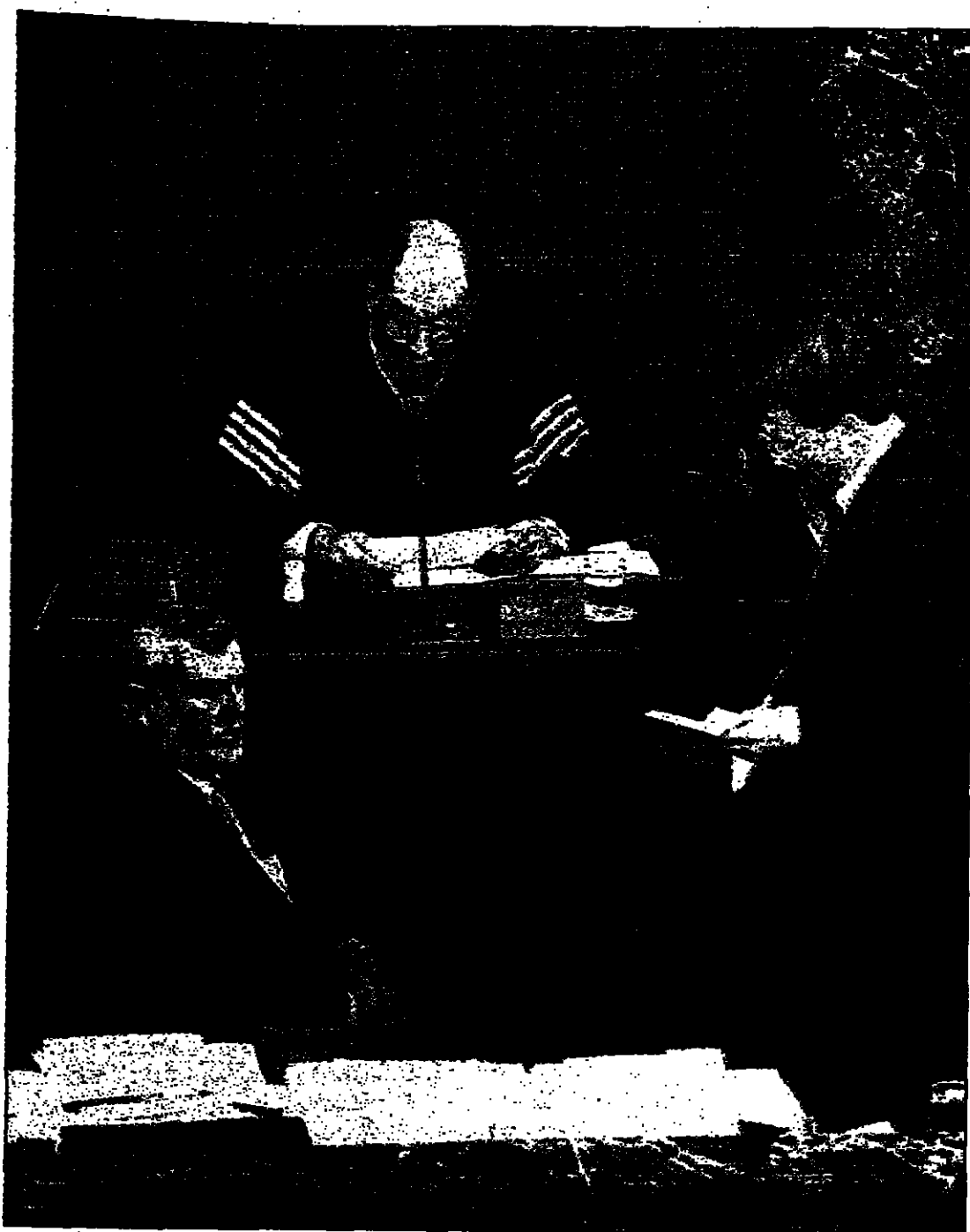
AP adds: People around the world were relieved that the impeachment trial was finally over and expressed hopes that Washington would now move on to more important business.

Some leaders showing amazement over how long the American leadership had been embroiled in a sex scandal.

South African President Nelson Mandela sent a message of congratulations to both the Senate and the White House, and said he hoped that the US government could now focus on other issues.

Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Tim Fischer said they hoped that the US could now focus on trade issues.

Argentine President Carlos Menem said he felt "very happy" with the acquittal of his "great personal friend" Clinton.



US Chief Justice William Rehnquist reads the impeachment vote tally Friday, as President Bill Clinton's attorney, Charles Ruff (left), listens. (Reuters)

'At least it's over'

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The impeachment votes taken, and the Supreme Court's chief justice escorted out of the ornate room, the Senate was back in business. Freshman Senator Mike Enzi ascended to the leather chair as the new presiding officer to wrap up the day's business.

"The sergeant-at-arms will escort the House managers out of the Senate chamber," Enzi directed.

Enzi was simply reciting from the scripted, stately protocol on which the Senate prides itself, particularly so in President Bill Clinton's five-week trial.

But the latent command could not be missed: You 13: Go back to the "lower" House from whence you came, and don't ever return.

The closing moments of the five-

week trial smelled like a melancholy parting of a group that had spent an intense experience together and didn't know quite how to take their leave, as if unsure they could bond so well ever again or debate so weightily a national issue.

Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist made his first lengthy statement of the trial over which he'd presided nearly silently due to the Senate's rules.

Now, Rehnquist said, he is leaving a "wiser, though not a sadder, man," impressed by the cooperation between majority leader Trent Lott and minority leader Tom Daschle, and by the quality of debate during the Senate's closed deliberations on a final verdict over the past three days.

"Our work as a court of impeachment is now done. I leave you with the hope that our several

paths may cross again under happier circumstances," Rehnquist said.

At that point, Lott sent up to the front desk a resolution praising Rehnquist, started reading from it, and then just as quickly cut himself off.

Instead, he spoke more directly. "As our presiding officer during most of the last five weeks, you have brought to our proceedings a gentle dignity and an unflinching sense of purpose, and sometimes a sense of humor," Lott said.

Lott gave the "traditional, Mississippi parting" of "Yo'll come back soon."

To the extended applause of their colleagues, Lott and Daschle presented Rehnquist with a "Golden Gavel Award" for having presided over the Senate for 100 hours. Lott offered the caveat that "I'm not sure it quite reached a hundred hours, but it's close enough."

Americans sum up impeachment trial

By ELIZABETH MEHREN

And so it finally ended: part soap opera, part grand opera, on occasion a morality play, but more often, a melodrama about immorality. In the minds of many, an entire year of anguish and absurdity amounted to little more than a sideshow that diverted America and its leaders from real business.

A loud minority crowd that the system worked, and a corrupt president had been brought to shame by heroic defenders of the Constitution. But around the country, many Americans agreed that from the day the name "Monica" entered the national vocabulary to the moment on Friday when the Senate acquitted the president, little of lasting good or glory could be attached to the experience.

"Can I say just one word which to me sums it up?" asked psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers. "Pitiful."

No strong leader emerged to champion the wishes of a populace that said again and again that it deplored President Clinton's sexual misconduct, but opposed his impeachment. Little lyrical language flowed forth.

Holes in the American character became the topic of cloying daily sermons: on the radio, on televi-

sion, in newspapers, in classrooms, at dinner tables - until finally, millions of people tuned out. How many times, after all, can you watch even a good production of "Hamlet?"

Top Chicago chef Charlie Trotter said: "It's a little like the O.J. trial. Not a pleasant thing for the country to observe."

Yet around the country on Friday, many thoughtful people struggled to place some perspective on the weird political drama that surely will describe fin-de-siecle America.

"I think that I am like a lot of people in feeling that there has been a lot of hollow language, a lot of moral posturing - and that we're sick of it," said Robert Pinsky, poet laureate of the United States and a professor at Boston University.

"It came home to me just this week that the effect of the whole proceeding has been to make Americans think about the concept of integrity," said Dr. Elizabeth A. Nelson, assistant professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"What is true ethical behavior and is it different in personal and professional life? I don't think that five years ago that question would have been asked," she said.

For young people, said Bruce Fitch, executive director of the Outward Bound School in Denver, "the hard thing is to sort out this barrage of information so they can use and make sense of it. They hear the agendas."

Stressing leadership and teamwork, Fitch's program has shepherded young people through every mountain range in Colorado since 1961. "More than anything else in our course, we teach young people: Choose your own life, choose your own destiny. Don't be swayed by the vicissitudes of opinion. From my point of view, that's almost impossible in this political climate," he said.

San Diego Police Chief Jerry Sanders, who takes over on May 1 as president and CEO of the San Diego United Way, said the relentlessness of the impeachment process has made people weary. "You can see it all across the spectrum, cynicism and lack of faith," Sanders said.

Indeed, shortly after the Senate took its tally, packed its briefcases, and bolted out of Washington, a hand-lettered sign went up in an office tower in the financial district of San Francisco. It read: "Thank God it's over."

(Los Angeles Times)

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GOP meets acquittal with relief, regret

By GUY GUGLIOTTA and JULIE ELPERIN

WASHINGTON - It was a bitter-sweet moment. They had mused about their political futures, endured abuse from the American public, and brought their party disaster in the polls and at the ballot box. They were certain losers Friday, had known it for weeks - maybe months, if the truth be told.

But as the Senate sergeant-at-arms walked the 13 impeachment managers down the Capitol's long central hallway for the last time, a small

crowd of visitors burst into spontaneous applause and a tourist reached out to shake the hand of lead manager Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.).

There was a spring in their step then, and a few grins, and as Hyde stepped onto his home turf on the House side of the Capitol Rotunda, a sunburst of a smile stretched across his tired face: "You're looking at a free man!" he said.

As the managers began to digest the acquittal of President Bill Clinton on impeachment charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, a confusion of different emotions

chased across their faces and permeated their words.

Hyde was by turns defiant and conciliatory: "We could have studied the polls and listened to the pundits," he said. "But we didn't do that. Instead, we studied the Constitution, reviewed the precedents, and proceeded forward according to the law. I have no regrets."

Yet he expressed no interest in punishing Clinton through the legal system, as some have urged. "I think for the good of the country, probably forget it," Hyde said. "I don't think it would be good for the country to have an ex-president locked up in jail."

Rep. James E. Rogan (R-Calif.), implacable as one of the team's lead prosecutors, signaled that he is ready to do battle with those in his swing district who may seek to oust him in 2000: "We did our constitutional duty," he said, and "if nothing else, the American people got a chance to meet and see political leaders who will stand for conscience and principle and not for polls."

Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.), one of

Clinton's earliest enemies and the only manager who had remained in his seat in sullen silence after the verdict was announced, thawed perceptibly when the tourists clapped.

"That to me, more than anything that happened in the Senate chamber over the last month, including today, tells me that we did the right thing," he said Friday.

Rep. Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), Rogan's partner on the Senate floor through much of the trial, said "one of my main goals in coming to Congress was to reduce cynicism and build confidence in our institutions of government." He felt he had succeeded, "and now I'm looking forward to taking a long walk in the Ozark hills."

As senators began their final day of secret deliberations, the managers by ones and twos straggled over to the Marble Room, their makeshift office off the Senate floor, to await the ceremonies accompanying the verdict. They sat quietly, talking and autographing trial memorabilia for staffers.

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Investigation not necessarily over

Lawyers say Starr can still press criminal charges

By JAMES VICINI

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial has run its course, but his legal problems may be far from over.

Even after his impeachment acquittal in the Senate, independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation still poses a potential threat for the president, lawyers familiar with the inquiry said.

Of greatest danger to the president is if Starr decides to bring criminal charges against Clinton, either before or after he leaves the White House in January 2001, they said.

During the impeachment trial on charges Clinton committed perjury and obstructed justice to cover up his affair with Monica Lewinsky, his lawyers expressed concern that Starr may bring an indictment after the president leaves office.

A White House official acknowledged that possibility, but urged Starr to quickly conclude his more than four-year and \$40 million investigation.

Lawyers familiar with Starr's office insisted he has not decided whether to bring a criminal case against Clinton.

"Will he indict and try Clinton now? The evidence is there. But I don't think he is likely to do it," said a former federal prosecutor.

"He's a very cautious lawyer. And there is no settled law on whether a sitting president can be indicted."

Some lawyers said Starr could bring an indictment under seal by the grand jury that heard Clinton's testimony and other evidence in the Lewinsky case, but keep the charges secret until Clinton leaves office.

But even if Starr does that, they admitted it would be virtually impossible to find a jury in heavily Democratic Washington, D.C., that would ever convict the popular Clinton.

Former Clinton political advisor Dick Morris predicted that Starr will indict key figures in the Lewinsky case, including Clinton's secretary Betty Currie, presidential confidant Vernon Jordan, and White House communications aide Sidney Blumenthal.

At issue was whether Blumenthal lied to Congress in his videotaped testimony at the impeachment trial by saying he did not attempt to portray the former White House intern as "a stalker" of Clinton when the scandal first broke a year ago.

Apart from the Lewinsky scandal, Starr's office still must prosecute pending cases against three defendants, all of which could produce evidence damaging to Clinton.

Susan McDougal, a partner with the Clintons in the

Whitewater land deal, is scheduled to go on trial in Arkansas next month for refusing to testify before Starr's grand jury about whether the president lied at her 1996 trial.

Also next month, Julie Hiatt Steele, a former friend of White House volunteer Kathleen Willey, is due to go on trial in Alexandria, Virginia, on charges she lied and obstructed Starr's investigation.

Starr is investigating whether there was an effort to silence Willey, who has alleged that Clinton fondled her when she visited the Oval Office in November 1993. Clinton has denied the allegation.

And Wester Hubbell, a long-time friend of Clinton, faces tax evasion and separate charges he concealed his role and the role of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, his former law partner in Little Rock, in a fraudulent Arkansas real estate development.

Even with those cases, sources close to Starr said he wants to complete his investigation as quickly as possible — perhaps by the summer.

They said Robert Bittman, a top deputy in charge of the Lewinsky investigation, recently left, and that Jackie Bennett, another long-time Starr deputy, is looking for another job.

"They see the handwriting on the wall," one source said.

CBS poll: 64% approve of Senate decision to acquit

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — In questioning conducted after the US Senate voted against removing President Bill Clinton from office, 64 percent of those questioned approved of the action, according to a CBS News poll released yesterday.

That percentage dropped to 58 percent when those questioned

were asked "Can Clinton be trusted to keep his word as president?" according to CBS.

There was also a strong suspicion that the matter did not end on Friday with the Senate's acquittal of the president.

When asked "Is this matter really over?" 61 percent of the respondents said they felt it was

not.

To the question: "Can Clinton still be an effective president?" there was a whopping 74 percent vote of "yes," CBS reported.

The numbers resulted from a telephone survey of 926 adults following the Senate verdict. It has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.



'Starr Struck' musical opens

Actor Michael Halpin, playing President Bill Clinton, tries to intimidate Tricia Leigh Fisher, who plays Monica Lewinsky, in the premiere of 'Starr Struck: A Musical Investigation' on Friday in Hollywood. "This is a very classic, almost Shakespearean story. It's about sex and power, love and betrayal, high ideals, and low morals," producer Alan Glueckman told Reuters. The musical features 30 original songs based on the transcripts and news reports of the scandal. Showstoppers include a song by Paula Jones, who croons: "The kind of exposure I was looking for was not the kind I got. The kind of meat I was greetin' was not the meetin' I had in mind." And in the song "Sex is Dirty," Ken Starr belts out: "It's a fundamentalist fundamental, if you think sex is fun, you're mental." (AP)

Lewinsky still in limbo

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Even though Bill Clinton's presidency appeared secure after Friday's US Senate impeachment acquittal vote, the future is far from clear for his former paramour, Monica Lewinsky.

Bound by a deal with independent counsel Kenneth Starr that granted her immunity from prosecution in exchange for her testimony, Lewinsky is not allowed to go forward with plans to tell her story in a book and a television interview without Starr's permission.

Lewinsky, the 25-year-old California native whose affair with Clinton touched off the impeachment inquiry, must be available to testify in any legal proceedings stemming from the relationship, including any criminal case against Clinton.

Starr reportedly believes such a case would be possible under the US Constitution, even while Clinton is still in office, though no sitting president has ever been indicted.

On February 1, *The New York Times* cited a source from Starr's office as saying no decision would be made on whether to indict Clinton until after the Senate trial.

The book, *Monica's Story*, has already been written, but it cannot be released by publisher St. Martin's Press unless the independent counsel agrees. Despite this, readers have been lining up to order the book, propelling it onto online bookseller Amazon.com's top 100 list.

A televised interview with Lewinsky by Barbara Walters on ABC's 20/20 program is also on hold.

Neither Starr's office, nor St. Martin's Press, nor the lawyer who brokered the book deal, nor officials at 20/20 returned phone calls immediately following Clinton's impeachment acquittal on Friday.

Lewinsky spokeswoman Judy Smith had no comment, and gave no details on where Lewinsky was during the impeachment vote or what her mood was.

Interest in Lewinsky has not abated, even though she has kept largely out of the public eye for the last several months.

RALLY

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Also to participate in the counter-demonstration are the president and rector of the Hebrew University and the deans of all seven university faculties. Classes were also to be suspended between 2 and 4 p.m.

Na'amat, the Histadrut women's organization, is also to take part, as are the Labor and Meretz youth movements and some 50 organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, including women's groups, organizations for the disabled and for the environment, and at least one Orthodox group, Oz Veshalom-Netivot Shalom.

One group that will not be taking part in today's demonstration is the Religious Kibbutz Movement,

although it is opposed to the hard-line demonstration. Movement secretary Danny Tamari said last night there had been pressure on the movement to take part in the counter-demonstration, but that to do so would simply fan the flames of conflict.

Sarid said last night that it is important for the religious public to take part in the counter-demonstration to show it is not one monolithic mass and there are religious Jews who believe democracy and Judaism can co-exist.

Members of Dor Shalom are also to take part in today's counter-demonstration, but the movement's spokesman, Oren Yehi-Shalom, said he does not feel this is the best way to resolve the rift in Israeli society. On Friday, members of the group distributed leaflets in synagogues in the major cities, dis-

cussing the language used by some of the hard-line leaders in reference to the Supreme Court and the justices, in an effort to create a religious-secular dialogue on the subject.

Commenting on today's demonstration, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav called on the hard-line and judicial system to find a middle ground. Katsav said it is a mistake for the hard-line to try to stop commerce in the kibbutzin on Shabbat, but it is also a mistake for the High Court to force Reform representatives onto the religious councils. The problem, he said, is largely the fault of the political echelon, which had increasingly sought the intervention of the High Court on controversial issues.

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak said last night the demonstration indicates "a serious deteri-

oration in respect for democracy and law in Israel." The failure of Netanyahu's efforts to reach a compromise is the result of his "blindness and capitulation in the face of extremism," Barak said.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said on Friday that the hard-line demonstration is legitimate and it is permissible to criticize the Supreme Court and its justices.

"No group is immune to criticism, not the prime minister and not the Supreme Court. One can also criticize the justices of the Supreme Court and demonstrate against decisions of the Supreme Court," Livnat said. She also cautioned against using expressions that would arouse passions, incitement, and anger.

Danna Harman contributed to this report.

Key dates

Key events in the Clinton investigation and impeachment trial:

January 12, 1994: Under pressure, President Bill Clinton asks that a special prosecutor be named to investigate Whitewater.

May 6: Paula Jones files a lawsuit alleging Clinton sexually harassed her in an Arkansas hotel room three years earlier.

August 5: A panel of three federal appeals court judges appoints former Bush administration Solicitor General Kenneth Starr to take over investigation.

November 5, 1996: Clinton reelected.

May 27, 1997: The Supreme Court rules Jones can pursue her lawsuit while Clinton is in office.

January 7, 1998: Monica Lewinsky signs affidavit for Jones case saying she had no sexual relationship with Clinton.

January 12: Linda Tripp gives Starr's office tapes she made of conversations with Lewinsky.

January 16: Court panel gives Starr authority to investigate Lewinsky matters.

January 17: Clinton testifies in Jones's lawsuit and denies a sexual relationship with Lewinsky.

January 26: Clinton declares publicly, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman... I never told anybody to lie."

March 15: Former Clinton aide Kathleen Willey appears on CBS's 60 Minutes, saying Clinton made a sexual advance to her in the White House in 1993.

August 17: After four hours of questioning before the grand jury, Clinton says on TV, "I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate."

September 9: Starr tells House leaders he has found "substantial and credible information... that may constitute grounds for impeachment."

October 8: House votes to hold impeachment inquiry.

November 3: Democrats pick

up five House seats in the election.

November 13: Clinton agrees to pay Jones \$850,000 to drop her sexual harassment lawsuit, with no apology or admission of guilt.

December 11-12: House Judiciary Committee approves impeachment articles I, II, III, IV which accuse the president of perjury in the Jones deposition, perjury in his grand jury testimony, obstruction of justice in the Jones case, and perjury in response to its questions. The committee rejects a substitute resolution to censure Clinton for "reprehensible conduct."

December 17: House delays debate on articles of impeachment while the US launches military strikes against Iraq.

December 19: Clinton impeached by the House on articles I and III, perjury and obstruction of justice. Rep. Bob Livingston, a Louisiana Republican in line to become speaker of the House, announces he will leave Congress after disclosure of sexual affairs.

December 20: Polls show Clinton's approval rating continues to rise.

January 7, 1999: Impeachment trial begins in Senate.

February 1-3: Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal deposed by House managers and lawyers for the president.

February 4 and 6: Senate votes to allow showing that videotaped testimony during the trial. Senators reject calling live witnesses. Testimony played before Senate.

February 8: House managers and White House lawyers present closing arguments.

February 12: Clinton acquitted on both impeachment counts. The obstruction of justice charge failed on a 50-50 vote while the perjury allegation failed 45-55, with five Republican senators joining the Democrats. (AP)

Hillary said thinking of Senate bid

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Now that her husband's impeachment trial is over, Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to give careful consideration to running in New York State for a US Senate seat in 2000, her aides said on Friday.

Flattered by all the attention she has received about a possible run, Clinton has done nothing to discourage speculation about what would be an unprecedented political event: a current first lady actively campaigning to win a legislative seat.

"Now that the trial is coming to an end, she'll have a chance to put some thought into this," her spokeswoman Marsha Berry said. "Other people have been very interested in the speculation and have talked to her about it. But it's not the kind of thing that she's really been able to think about at this point," Berry said.

She said it was unclear how soon Clinton would make a decision, adding that the first lady was simply "relieved" that the Senate impeachment trial was over.

Other aides sought to dampen speculation that Clinton might announce a decision as early as next week, but said they still doubted that she would take the plunge — particularly so soon after the difficult year she has had, dealing with her husband's sex scandal and the resulting strain in her marriage.

New York Democrats want the first lady to take advantage of the state's loose residency requirement and run for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. All a candidate needs to do to run is to be a resident of New York on election day.

Democrats fear that New York Democratic Representative Nita Lowey, who would like to run for the Moynihan seat, does not have the name recognition to defeat the expected republican candidate, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Lowey is waiting to see what Clinton does before announcing her own decision on running.

"Nita has said that Hillary is a friend and that they share the same concerns and that if she runs, she will support her," Lowey's chief of staff, Howard Wolfson, said.

He said Lowey was "moving forward, meeting with New Yorkers and doing what is needed to prepare for the race." Lowey would like to make her decision by April.

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S. Africa claims deal over Lockerbie

By NICOLE MORDANT

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - South Africa said yesterday a diplomatic stalemate over the 1988 Lockerbie airline bombing had been broken by envoys from Pretoria and Saudi Arabia in talks this week with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

"Everything has been resolved," the matter is now in the hands of the secretary-general of the United Nations, President Nelson Mandela's spokesman, Parks Mankhahana, told Reuters.

Mandela's chief of staff, Jakes Gerwel, and Saudi Arabian special

envoy Prince Bandar bin Sultan met Gaddafi this week to seek Libya's agreement to hand over two suspects for trial by a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands.

A South African government source said undisclosed agreement had been reached on where the suspects would be tried and on where they would serve their sentences, if found guilty.

Gerwel has visited Tripoli repeatedly since Mandela first sought personally to broker an accord late in 1997 and reported after a visit earlier this year that agreement was close.

Mandela visited Gaddafi twice in

quick succession, calling for the surrender of the suspects for trial in a neutral country and for an end to UN sanctions imposed against Libya in 1992.

He also defied Gaddafi's global isolation, inviting him to South Africa to receive the thanks of the nation he helped free.

Gaddafi, who has yet to visit South Africa, helped to train members of Mandela's African National Congress during their 30-year guerrilla war against apartheid.

That war ended in 1990 when the white government agreed to surrender power and Mandela was elected president in 1994.

Gaddafi has so far rejected US and British demands for the extradition of the men accused of bombing a Pan American World Airways jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

He also has insisted the two, Abdel Basset Ali Mohammed al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, must be jailed in Libya if found guilty in any court proceedings.

A spokesman for UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan issued a statement saying, "The secretary-general is greatly encouraged by the important progress."

A Saudi-owned newspaper quot-

ed UN sources yesterday as saying details of the agreement were worked out after mediators managed to persuade Britain "to provide special privileges in jail for the two suspects if convicted." There was no immediate word from Libya.

Britain and the US, in a new effort to break the impasse with Libya on which they have imposed sanctions, proposed that the UN could monitor the treatment of the suspects if they were jailed in Scotland.

In London a foreign office spokesman said the government was "broadly encouraged" by the reported breakthrough.

WORLD

in brief

Report: General Motors wants to buy BMW

MUNICH (AP) - General Motors will make an offer to buy Bavarian car company BMW in the next few days, a German newspaper reported yesterday.

Rumors on BMW's future have been swirling since its chairman, Bernd Pischetsrieder, resigned last Friday amid criticism of his handling of BMW's loss-making British subsidiary Rover.

General Motors Europe could not be contacted yesterday.

BMW spokesman Joerg Diermer denied the report in *Die Welt* newspaper. "BMW wants to stay independent," he said, adding the majority shareholder Quandt family remains "unbroken" in its support of the company.

French police seize record amount of cocaine

PARIS (AP) - French police have seized a record amount of cocaine - 1.2 metric tons - in a raid in a suburb south of Paris, police officials said yesterday.

Police initially found 400 kilograms of cocaine in a truck during Friday's raid and soon after discovered the rest in a nearby warehouse. Police estimated the street value of the drugs seized at more than \$180 million.

The amount of cocaine seized in Friday's raid surpasses the total found in all of 1998, police said. Seven people, who were not identified but were said to be part of a traveling carnival, were arrested in the raid.

17-year-old admits forming Yemen armed group

ADEN, Yemen (AP) - The son of Moslem fundamentalist leader Abu Hamza Masry confessed in court yesterday to forming an armed group in Yemen, but denied charges of weapons possession. The prosecution had charged that Mohammed Mustafa Kamel, a Briton, was found in possession of grenades and firearms.

Yemen is seeking his father Masry's extradition from Britain. In London yesterday, Masry dismissed the confession and said his son was probably forced into making it.

In addition to Kamel, Shaz Nabi, Ayad Hussein, and Ali Mohsen joined six other Westerners being tried for plotting murder and destruction, and possessing weapons.

Pope meets archbishop of Canterbury

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) - Pope John Paul and Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey vowed yesterday to work to bring peace to Sudan, end persecution of Christians in India, and relieve Third World debt.

The leader of the Church of England was in Rome to open a new Anglican study center.

UK consumer panic over 'Frankenstein food'

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's biggest retailers urged the government yesterday to act quickly and reassure consumers that genetically modified (GM) foods were safe to eat.

The British Retail Consortium said it feared Britain's most recent food scare could cost the industry billions of pounds. Scientists are calling for more research into "Frankenstein food," amid speculation it could damage the immune system and cause cancer.

They also signed a memorandum supporting the findings of Arpad Pusztai, who was forced to retire last year after he said his experiments also showed GM food could harm rats.

Hungarians, Poles, Czechs to join NATO

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic will formally join NATO on March 12 at a ceremony to be held in Independence, Missouri, the US Embassy in Budapest said yesterday.

Louisiana allows oral, anal sex

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A state appeals court has struck down a 194-year-old Louisiana law that made oral and anal sex felonies. The decision adds to the growing list of US states that have struck down sodomy laws based on rights to privacy granted in state constitutions.

"The right of consenting adults to engage in private non-commercial sexual activity... is protected by the privacy clause of the Louisiana Constitution," the court held Tuesday.

The US Constitution does not mention the word "privacy," but the Supreme Court since 1965 has recognized such a right. Many state constitutions expressly grant a right to privacy.

Taliban: Bin Laden has left Afghanistan

By KATHY GANNON

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden has left Afghanistan, Afghan sources said yesterday, and his whereabouts are unknown.

The report of bin Laden's departure comes just days after the Taliban religious army, which rules most of Afghanistan, took away his satellite telephone and imposed fresh restrictions on him.

But the Taliban still called the exiled Saudi millionaire their honored guest and a friend who helped the Afghan resistance fight invading Soviet soldiers in the 1980s.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has offered asylum to bin Laden, who supports Iraq against the western powers.

The Taliban's ambassador in Islamabad, Saeed-ur-Rehman Haqqani, said he had not been told of bin Laden's departure, "but if it has happened, it will be a good thing."

The United States believes bin Laden masterminded the August 7 bombings of its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Despite repeated demands from Washington, the Taliban refused to hand over bin Laden after the embassy bombings, demanding proof of his involvement in terrorist activities.

The US fired cruise missiles at eastern Afghanistan on August 21 in an attempt to knock out suspected terrorist camps believed run by bin Laden, who was unhurt in the attack.

In recent weeks, the US and Britain have renewed their pressure on the Taliban to expel bin Laden.

It is believed that the fresh restrictions on bin Laden were linked to recent meetings between the Taliban and US and British officials.

The Taliban, which rule under a harsh interpretation of Islamic law, did promise that bin Laden would not use Afghanistan as a staging arena for terrorist activities.



Ethnic Albanians demonstrate outside the Chateau de Rambouillet near Paris yesterday, the seventh day of the Kosovo peace conference.

Clinton pledges troops for Kosovo

News agencies

WASHINGTON - Up to nine people were injured in an explosion in the center of a Kosovo town, yesterday, as President Bill Clinton pledged up to 4,000 US troops to a NATO peacekeeping force in Kosovo if Serbs and ethnic Albanians reach a political settlement.

Serbian sources said nine were wounded, but Serbian police said only that some people had been injured as they cordoned off the centre of Urosevac, about 30 kms from the provincial capital Pristina.

It was not immediately clear whether a bomb or a grenade caused the blast, which blew in shop windows in the town's main

street. There have been a number of bomb attacks on both Serb and ethnic Albanian cafes and shops in Pristina over the past few weeks. The most serious, a week ago, killed three people.

"Bosnia taught us a lesson: In this volatile region, violence we fail to oppose leads to even greater violence we will have to oppose later at greater cost," Clinton said in his weekly radio broadcast from the Oval Office.

Clinton said he would order the deployment of US ground troops only after "close consultation with Congress" - and only if a peace agreement is reached in talks underway in Paris.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was heading for Paris yesterday to assess progress between

the two warring sides. The parties have an informal deadline of February 20 for reaching an accord.

"It is increasingly clear that this effort can only succeed if it includes a NATO-led peace implementation force that gives both sides the confidence to lay down their arms," Clinton said. "It is also clear that if there is a real peace, American participation in the force can provide such confidence, particularly for Kosovo's Albanians."

Clinton said both sides in the bloody conflict would have to agree to a NATO peacekeeping force to which the Europeans would provide the bulk of personnel - about 85 percent.

Anticipating resistance in Congress and public opinion, Clinton argued a case for American

participation saying, "World War II taught us that America could never be secure if Europe's future was in doubt."

Pentagon officials said the US would send 2,200 Marines to Kosovo in the first stage of any peacekeeping mission if there's a need to move quickly and US troops are involved.

More than 2,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands have been driven from their homes in clashes in Kosovo between ethnic Albanian separatists and Serbian security forces.

The Marines, from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, are already deployed near Kosovo as part of an amphibious ready group in the Mediterranean.

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The end, at last

Not only Americans, but the rest of the world, will be breathing great sighs of relief that, at long last, the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton is behind us. It is hard to see what this exercise of partisan political power has achieved, especially as it was wielded for the most part against the expressed will of the majority of Americans.

It has for long seemed clear to almost everyone except Clinton-hating Republicans that, while having an illicit affair in the White House and lying about it afterwards may be less than presidential behavior, it has never merited the status of high crime. A brief pause to list deeds meriting the label of "high crimes" that have been committed by national leaders this century would give any sensible person a healthy sense of proportion.

Some commentators are saying the acquittal of the president is a triumph for the Constitution of the United States. It seems they are missing a point - the lofty process of impeachment was never intended for such a case as this and using it for this purpose has diminished its effectiveness. When the late Richard Nixon resigned rather than face impeachment for his crooked abuse of his powers, the word "impeachment" carried a force to be dreaded, simply because it was associated with extremely serious crimes and misdemeanors.

Impeachment now will be associated with the Monica Lewinsky affair, with Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr's ridiculously salacious report to Congress, and with public indifference to what was perceived as a completely unnecessary and ultimately boring waste of Congressional time and public money.

There is no doubt Clinton's recklessness in his personal life handed Starr an scandal on a plate after his failure to make anything of the alleged Whitewater property affair. But it was clear to the American public and most of the rest of the world from the start that this was nothing more than a juicy tabloid story which should have been allowed to run its course and die a natural death.

As for the Republicans now claiming that Clinton has pulled another Houdini act and escaped scot free, this is nonsense. No Republican caught lying about a sexual affair has ever been punished so severely and over such a long period as Clinton has for the past year. He did wrong for a man in his position, but in the final analysis, it was a consensual sexual relationship he had with Lewinsky. Nobody died, no state coffers were raided, there was no abuse of Americans' civil rights. Clinton has humbly apologized, he has been publicly lashed by the prosecutors, by the Congress, and by the media.

Throughout the ordeal, the American public has chosen to be indulgent of the president's human weakness and to continue giving him credit for his achievements. This steady support demonstrated a common sense that has sur-

prised many foreigners, who might have doubted that the mass of Americans could make such mature judgment and stick with it. Clinton's popularity undoubtedly has much to do with the booming US economy, but that is fine, for that is why Americans twice elected him and still give him credit for keeping his promises and his policies. US inflation is at its lowest in 40 years, unemployment is at its lowest level in nearly 30 years, and national growth is at its strongest for 10 years. With booming stock markets and the hi-tech revolution seeming unstoppable, Americans have every reason to feel the Clinton era will be one to look back on with nostalgia.

It is possible the impeachment trial will leave few ripples, living among the footnotes in future history books. Most people have seen it as utterly partisan and uninteresting as it wound its way through both houses. The media hype about "only the second president to be impeached" has failed to generate the expected public awe. Clinton is undoubtedly somewhat chastened, but he was easily acquitted and he may still end his presidency on an upbeat note in 2000.

Outside the United States, the sense of relief that this trial has ended will be even greater. Most Europeans and Asians have been mystified by all the fuss, friends who admire his dedication to solving problems in Ireland, Bosnia, or the Middle East have been appalled by it. The scandal and trial has taken a whole year away from his attention to international issues and perhaps the most serious affect of that has been American bungling over Russia's economic and political crises. A great deal of good will for future relations may have been squandered and the president would do well to make up for lost time here and launch a serious initiative to help Russia.

However, most diplomats are of the opinion that, with less than two years to run and a backed-up domestic schedule, Clinton's scope for foreign policy achievements may now be limited. Perhaps the biggest benefit for US foreign policy in closing the Lewinsky book will be removing the suspicion that presidential actions abroad are diversions from domestic woes. French and Arab critics did not hesitate to accuse Clinton of bombing Iraq to distract Americans - a particularly fatuous charge given his unwavering public support at home.

The best the president can probably hope for is that problems tentatively marked "almost solved" will not start to unravel around his feet. The potential for nasty surprises from Northern Ireland, Iraq, the Middle East, or former Yugoslavia remains real. Despite his ordeal, and his apparent exhaustion this weekend, Clinton has a remarkable capacity for bouncing back and focusing on the job. His friends will be happy to support him in that, and to hope that they can soon get back to cataloging his achievements rather than listening to a litany of his faults.

Lurie's NewsCartoon



"Thanks for the ride"

Jihad against the justices

DAVID WEINBERG

Today I won't be going anywhere near the old central bus station in Jerusalem, where the radical Orthodox will be praying to God to wipe out the Supreme Court, or at least foil its nefarious deeds.

That is not my world and not my Judaism.

What bothers me most, as a religious Zionist, is the collusion of former chief rabbis Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapira, and Yeshivot Bnei Akiva head Rabbi Haim Druckman, in the jihad against the justices.

The three oracles, who last brought us a halachic ruling requiring religious soldiers to obey army orders in Judea and Samaria, are now trucking with the haredim in the most divisive and rhetorically reckless public campaign since the anti-Oslo days.

We all know where that led us. Since when are religious Zionist Jews - scientists, rabbis, engineers, generals, bankers and professors thoroughly involved in Israeli society - partners with the anti-Zionist, ultra-fanatic, Eda Haredit? Since when do we join forces with Agudat Yisrael's army-dodging hothouse to agitate for the downfall of democracy? Since when have we lost our own, unique compass?

Since when do we lend a hand to anarchy, incitement and seditious talk? "Wicked," "empty-headed," "slaves" and "enemies" just aren't acceptable terms of reference, even when speaking of a bitter ideological rival.

The Supreme Court as the "root of all evil"? This is what we want to be associated with?

We used to have modern rabbis possessing intellectual independence who could fend off ideological challenges from the religious Right without worry. We used to have religious politicians who artfully participated in the building of a heterogeneous Israeli society without bending before funda-

mental clerics. And now?

The haredization of the religious Zionist rabbinate is not a new phenomena; its impact has been evident for years in halachic rulings across a range of personal and ritual issues. But at least you could always point to salient differences between Modern Orthodox and radical Orthodox in relation to the state, the rule of law, democracy, attitudes toward secular endeavors and neigh-

Will the rabbis and justices who believe that Judaism and democracy are complementary value systems please stand up?

Today however, haredi-style demagoguery is becoming the norm: segregation is promoted, rather than an enhanced partnership with the secular world, and a commitment to democracy is less than certain.

Will the rabbis and religious leaders who believe that Judaism and democracy are complementary value systems please stand up! Yes, we have Yehuda Amital, Alex Lubozky and Moshe Kaveh speaking out boldly on behalf of religious enlightenment, rationalism and moderation. But obviously, it's not enough.

For a long time, the secular public and press bought into the Shas line that promoted Rabbi Ovadia Yosef as a moderate, mainly because he was not a Land of Israel messianic maximalist. That bubble has burst as well. You

can't write off his latest outburst against the Supreme Court justices simply as Sephardic-style street language or rabbinic hyperbole.

RELIGIOUS friends of mine who are more conservative or defensive will object to these reflections, arguing that one has to look past the rhetorical extremism of recent days and focus on the main issue: the Supreme Court's overbearing intervention in matters of faith.

These friends will maintain that Supreme Court President Aharon Barak and his colleagues have grossly overstepped their brief, barreling without restraint into the realm of values, attempting to impose their secular, liberal vision on society.

Just look at the court's agenda, they will say. It is intervening across the board in matters of Jewish identity and belief, without any mandate to do so: from conversion to prayers at the Western Wall; from shopping on Shabbat to advancing Reform and Conservative representatives on religious councils; from haredi army exemptions to the acceptance of gay lifestyles.

In short, many will contend that Barak's unchallenged power, wielded impetuously, imperils Israeli democracy almost as much as the haredi attacks on the court.

And they're right, these friends of mine. The Supreme Court ought to be tiptoeing, not marching, into the minefield of faith and convictions, especially since its makeup is in no way reflective of Israeli society.

But sadly enough, all the wildly illegitimate blathering against the court in recent days hamstrings legitimate protest and to-the-point criticism.

So I won't be going to radical Orthodox's court-bashing prayer rumble.

I'll be in my local synagogue softly praying for more temperate, much wiser leaders - rabbis and Supreme Court justices alike.

The party's over

DANIEL BLOCH

There is no connection between Halacha or any genuine religious issue and the current attacks and planned demonstration today against the Supreme Court. This confrontation was generated by political, financial and pragmatic matters.

The religious and haredi parties have never had it as good as during the years under Netanyahu. They held the political balance of power and in return for total support for Netanyahu's secular political agenda they received more important government portfolios, budgets and economic benefits than ever before.

In no past government, Labor or Likud-led, did they control so many important ministries - interior, housing, education, labor and social affairs, transportation and, last but not least, religious affairs - at one time.

Almost all their ministers used their offices mainly for the benefit of their constituencies, without any consideration for the other segments of society, which in most cases are the majority of Israelis.

The Supreme Court was the only body that stood in their way and tried cautiously to protect the rights of the majority, the rule of law and in some cases the rights of other minorities, such as Conservative and Reform Jews, and immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

In most cases the court refrained from interfering in religious matters and in constitutional questions concerning the relationship between state and religion.

Its intervention was felt more strongly in financial matters, such as preventing fictitious religious organizations from receiving allocations from two different ministries. Or in its intervention in the illegal functioning of the religious councils, which tried to block the membership of non-Orthodox members.

In a few instances, the Orthodox parties succeeded in extorting from the coalition changes in the law to bypass the rulings of the Supreme Court. But in most cases they failed to do so, because of the political weakness of the present coalition.

In the last crisis vote, on the composition of the religious councils, they succeeded only

The real reason for the haredi anti-court confrontation

because of the naive of Yitzhak Mordechai, and his mistaken vote has already done him a lot of damage, both here and in the American Jewish community.

THE leaders of the haredi parties are afraid that their festival is over. This is because the next prime minister will almost certainly not be able to form a narrow coalition, neither on the Right nor on the Left, but will need to pursue a broad coalition based on the three major secular parties - Labor, Likud, and the Center Party.

Other parties might join this coalition, but they will not hold the balance of power. The Orthodox parties will not get the same number or kind of portfolios they hold now and they will not be able to hold the budget hostage to their gross appetites. The end has come to this kind of blackmail.

The attacks on the court and today's demonstration are meant to extort from Netanyahu certain promises, to secure the haredim's active support for his candidacy, especially in the crucial second round. They are sure that without this support he cannot be re-elected.

This is the true meaning of this latest controversy. Therefore, nobody should fall into the trap and try to appease the organizers or their spiritual mentors. They are not looking for any viable compromise.

There cannot be a dialogue with people who do not accept the rule of law and the constitutional primacy of the court.

The haredim want only the rights and benefits of our system without fairly sharing the burdens and obligations of military or national service and loyalty to the democratic precepts of our Zionist state. In exchange for skimming off the cream of the national cake, they want to impose their reactionary and limited interpretation of Judaism on the majority, who honor Jewish tradition but in a pluralistic and liberal manner.

Any candidate for prime minister and every political party that believes in democracy and the rule of law must be represented and heard at the counter-demonstration at Sacher Park in defense of our democratic legal system.

Whoever is absent does not deserve our vote.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BULWARK AGAINST ASSIMILATION

Sir, - I never fail to be astonished by the narrow-mindedness of Israel's Orthodox establishment. The rabbis rant and rave that the Reform and Conservative branches of Judaism promote the assimilation of the Jewish people. Actually, of course, the non-Orthodox movements are a bulwark against assimilation, preserving Jewish identity for countless people who would otherwise be lost to us.

I speak from personal experience. I am the grandson of a Gerer hassid. Were it not for Reform Judaism, my young grandchildren would have been lost to the Jewish community. My

son is married to a Chinese woman who was converted by a tradition-oriented Reform rabbi (a former Orthodox cantor). My daughter-in-law's conversion, which was performed before her marriage, included immersion in a mikve.

She and my son are active in a synagogue and send their oldest child to Hebrew school. My daughter-in-law prepares the Seder every year, lights Hannuka candles, and is more knowledgeable about Jewish history and tradition than many of her contemporaries who were born Jewish.

I assume that Israel's Orthodox establishment would reluctantly

recognize my grandsons as Jews only because their conversion was performed in the US. If it is truly concerned about the preservation of Jewish identity, the rabbinate should be pragmatic and extend recognition also to those converted by Reform and Conservative auspices in Israel.

In continuing to harass Reform and Conservative Judaism, it is Israel's Orthodox establishment that is unwittingly promoting the assimilation of the Jewish people.

MORTON A. REICHEK

Boynton Beach, Fla.

LOW MARKS

Sir, - Moshe Zimmermann's rejection of the role of peoplehood in Israeli political discourse in "It's how you say it" (February 8) sets a new low mark for "post-Zionist" thought.

How on earth could he justify keeping the Law of Return on the books, or is he prepared to do

away with that as well? For that matter, how does he justify exempting Israel's Arab citizens from the draft?

Fortunately, the majority of Jews in Israel and the Diaspora do see themselves as part of an "organic unit," defined by elements of shared religious faith, history, and

ethnic identity. It was to protect the interests - and existence - of this "organic unit" that the State of Israel was created. Am Yisrael Hai.

DAVID HOFFMAN

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On February 14, 1934, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Jewish community found no justification for the imposition of income tax and pointed out that the country was already overburdened with the heritage of Turkish feudal taxation laws, abolished in Turkey itself.

The Palestine government cov-

ers were bursting with various revenues and industry was in its infancy and unable to afford additional burdens.

50 years ago: On February 14, 1949, *The Palestine Post* reported on the final preparations for the opening in Jerusalem of the Constituent Assembly, the first Israeli parliament.

25 years ago: On February 14, 1974, *The Jerusalem Post* reported Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's warning that the unrest on the Syrian border was "no transient episode." Dayan added that he had offered to resign twice during the October War, but that his offer was rejected.

Alexander Zvielli

The quarrel ahead

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

but he was voted not guilty. Legal cobwebs played a role there, but we tend to agree that even though the laws are often misapplied, on the whole they should stay as they are.

In the case of Clinton, the stakes are set very high by the Constitution - we needed 67

The Clinton acquittal leaves the Democrats with a bigger electoral headache than they think

votes. That isn't a cobweb; it is an iron bar. Where the cobwebs appeared was on the matter of high crimes and misdemeanors.

D: The majority voted that he wasn't guilty of either of the two concrete allegations, that he had committed perjury or obstructed justice.

R: You put your finger on it. The Constitution, as interpreted by the majority of Democrats, insists that offenses committed by a president (or federal judge) are public in character.

As regards Mr. Clinton's conduct, his most conspicuous defender, Dale Bumpers, in his famous oration pleading for his old friend, acknowledged that his behavior had been delinquent.

D: Senator Bumpers gave a moving oration the burden of which was that we should not convict.

R: Yes, but what Bumpers said about Clinton was that his behavior had been "indefensible, outrageous, unforgivable and shame-

less." So the result of it all is that we are left with a president who wasn't found guilty of perjury or the obstruction of justice, but is acknowledged to have acted indefensibly, outrageously, unforgivably and shamelessly.

What we Republicans want to know is why does his success in getting through the Senate make him a national hero?

D: He is a hero inasmuch as he has triumphed over a campaign inflamed by narrow, puritanical, bigoted interests, which, thanks to the Constitution, didn't prevail.

R: We'll go to the voters then on that issue. We Republicans will say: OK, the majority didn't think he ought to have been thrown out on account of what he did. But the majority of the American people concluded that what he did was disgraceful.

So why don't we concentrate on looking for candidates in the future who will promise publicly not to act as Clinton acted? Never are they to open their arms, beg the people to believe them, and proceed to tell a straight lie.

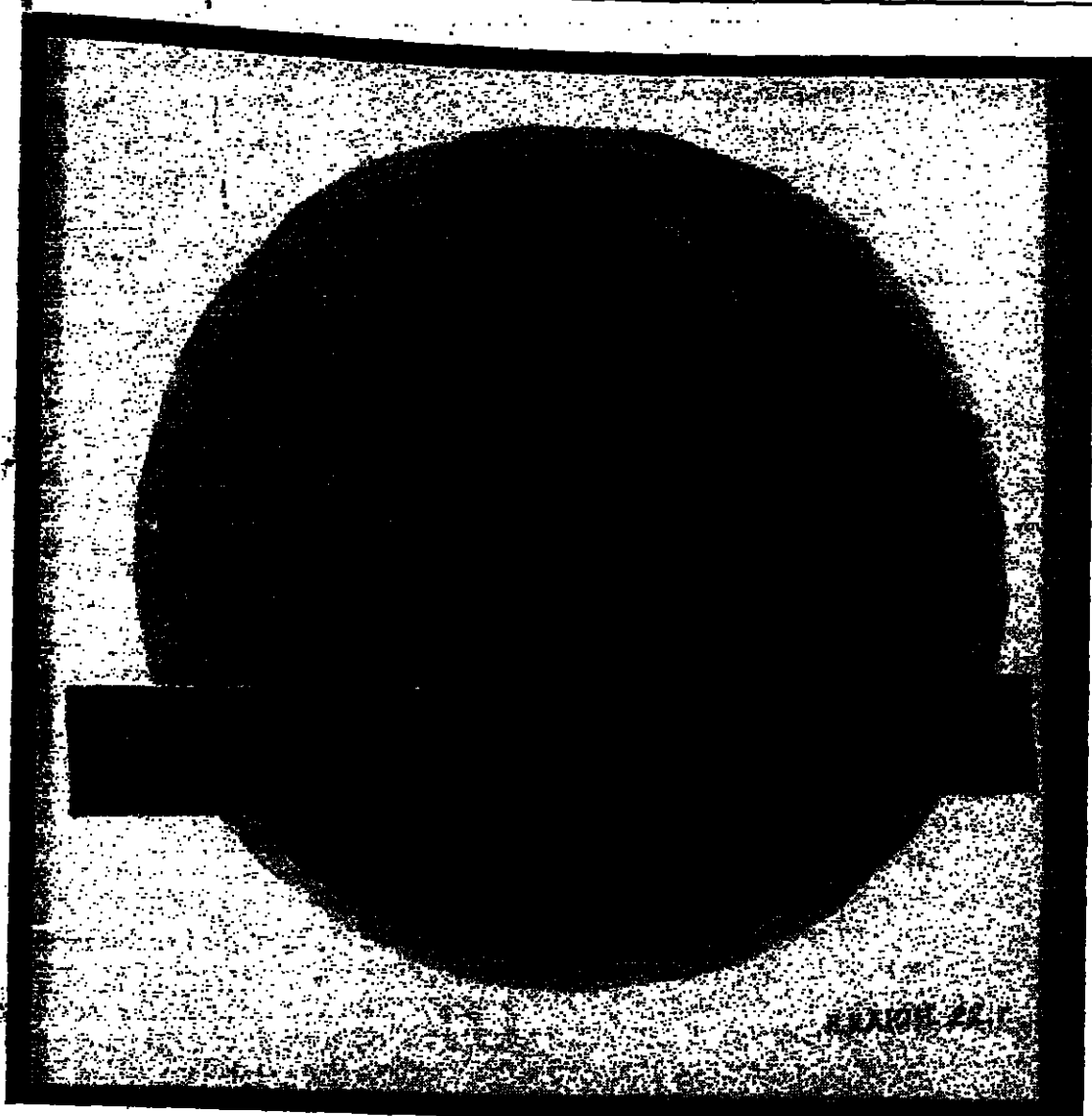
Since we are talking about likely events in the fall of the year 2000, let me say that your headache, George, is going to be a lot more acute than mine.

You'll be boasting about how the Constitution saved Clinton. I'll be asking the voters whether they think that the case against Clinton should have been hidden, or pursued to lengths thought credible by the majority of the House of Representatives.

Your legacy will have been to teach the country how to defend the indefensible. Ours, to take language seriously.

So put that in your pipe and smoke it.

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Ivan Kulin: suprematist watercolor (\$20,000-30,000 at Sotheby's New York)



Auguste Rodin: study for Pierre de Wiessant, The Burgers of Calais (\$20,000-30,000 at Sotheby's New York)

Israelis bid up young foreign artists

This column was absent for several weeks last month but it's still worth noting that Sotheby's second sale of International Young Art on January 21, organized by Sotheby's director Rivka Saker and Tal Danai of Artlink, was a resounding success, though not the sellout of the previous sale.

Excited Israelis bid up many of the modestly priced lots and spent a total of \$190,000 on 111 of the 122 works by 66 young artists, including a number of local ones.

The evening's smash hit was a realist oil we reproduced in this column last month: *Scream* by America's Loretta Bourque, which went for \$10,500 against a pre-sale estimate of \$700-900. Czech artist Tomas Svoboda's formalized *Parking Lot* with its fun pattern of cars seen from above, brought \$8,000 against an estimate of \$1,000-1,500, while *Rat King* by England's Thomas Zatorski, which consisted of 50 gilded rat

pelts hung on miniature coat hangers on purple velvet, went for \$6,900. Irish artist Darragh Hogan's *Monkey Puzzle* brought \$5,980. Among the top 10 of the sale were works by artists of Cuban, Russian and Scottish origin.

Of the Israelis, Yigal Shtayim's *Not Tel Aviv 1* and 2 sold for \$3,220 and \$3,680 respectively; and Gilad Efrat's *Beer Sheva* went for \$2,990. A charcoal drawing on wrinkled silk paper, *Elephants 3* by Yael Goren Strauss, sold for \$1,840. Half the price achieved for each lot went directly to the artist.

A further 123 works by the same artists were auctioned at Sotheby's new premises in Chicago on January 28. Sotheby's New York is offering an incredibly eclectic selection of works in its February 17 sale of Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary Art. Many are

AT THE AUCTIONS

minor masterpieces, others are kitsch. Surprisingly enough, its contemporary lots that are of particular interest this time and many are modest in estimate. Included in the sale are three lots by Reuven Rubin with estimates considerably lower than those appertaining for Rubins sold here. There's also a Manne Katz of some yeshiva boys and a cellist (\$20,000-30,000).

One of the opening lots is a plaster head by Rodin, a study for one of his *Burgers of Calais*, Pierre de Wiessant. It will surely top its best estimate of \$30,000. On the other hand, an early landscape (1907) by Auguste Herbin, later a brilliant abstractionist, seems over-priced at \$30,000-40,000. An ephemeral pastel of a tea dance by Edouard Vaillard from the same period has

roughly the same estimate, as does an oil of Venice by Raoul Dufy.

A 1916-17 watercolor of the Novodevichy Monastery by early Russian modernist Aristarch Lentulov is worth more than its top estimate of \$5,000. However there's an interesting geometrical constructivist drawing in red and black by Liubov Popova from 1921 with a healthier estimate (\$15,000-20,000). Other interesting Russian moderns on paper in this sale are Mikhail Larionov (\$10,000-15,000); Olga Rozanova (\$8,000-12,000); Ilya Chashnik (\$10,000-15,000) and the remarkable Ivan Kulin (a suprematist watercolor, \$20,000-30,000).

Two minimalist India-ink compositions by Joan Miro from 1953 will certainly reach their best estimates of \$8,000. An untypical abstract black ink drawing brushed with gray by the unfailingly versatile Pablo Picasso will probably reach \$20,000, despite its small

size. Also on paper is an erotic nude study in charcoal from 1929 by Jules Pascin (\$7,000-9,000).

The contemporary lots comprise many fine paintings by Helen Frankenthaler, Friedel Dzubas, Sam Francis, Robert Motherwell, Adolph Gottlieb, Joan Mitchell (a top item, \$125,000-175,000), Kenzo Okada, Karel Appel, Mark Tobey, Al Held, James Brooks, Conrad Marca-Relli and Jim Dine. I can't get excited by works by Andy Warhol, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring. One of the most charming lots is a delicate little painting on linen by Julius Bissier (\$10,000-15,000, will go for more).

AN ISRAELI internet auction of Purim costumes, in aid of the children of battered wives, will be held between Feb. 19-23. The items can be viewed at <http://www.uv.co.il> between Feb. 12-18. For details call 03-6051825.

Having a cold affects your voice

Why does having a cold make your voice lower? Bentzi (age 14), Jerusalem.

Prof. Yosef Elidan, head of the ear-nose-and-throat department of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies:

When you have a cold, the larynx (voice box, with which you speak) and upper pharynx (with which you swallow)

I brushed my teeth and soon after drank orange juice. It tasted terrible. What caused this reaction? Dudi, Tel Aviv.

Dr. Avraham Aserin, an expert at the Hebrew University's Casali Institute for Applied Chemistry in Jerusalem comments:

There are taste receptors in the mouth, and especially on the tongue. When you brush your teeth, most often with a

TELL ME WHY

BY JUDY SEGELITZKOVICH

are inflamed. This causes a narrowing of the air passages, and the vocal cords themselves become swollen and thicker than normal.

If you take a thick rubber band and pluck it, and compare the sound with that of a thin rubber band, you'll notice that the thin one makes a higher sound. The same thing happens to a piano or violin string. The frequency of the vibration of a thick cord is slower than a thinner one, so the pitch is lower. The same occurs with the vocal cords. When the swelling is reduced, the pitch of the voice returns to normal.

By the way, smoking tends to cause a permanent lowering of the vocal pitch, as do enlarged tonsils, until they're removed.

toothpaste that has a peppermint flavor, the receptors are overwhelmed for a while with this strong taste. If you drink something soon afterwards, the receptors are unable to detect the actual taste of the liquid. This happens even when you drink something relatively mild such as milk, but the acidic composition of orange juice can make the reaction even stronger.

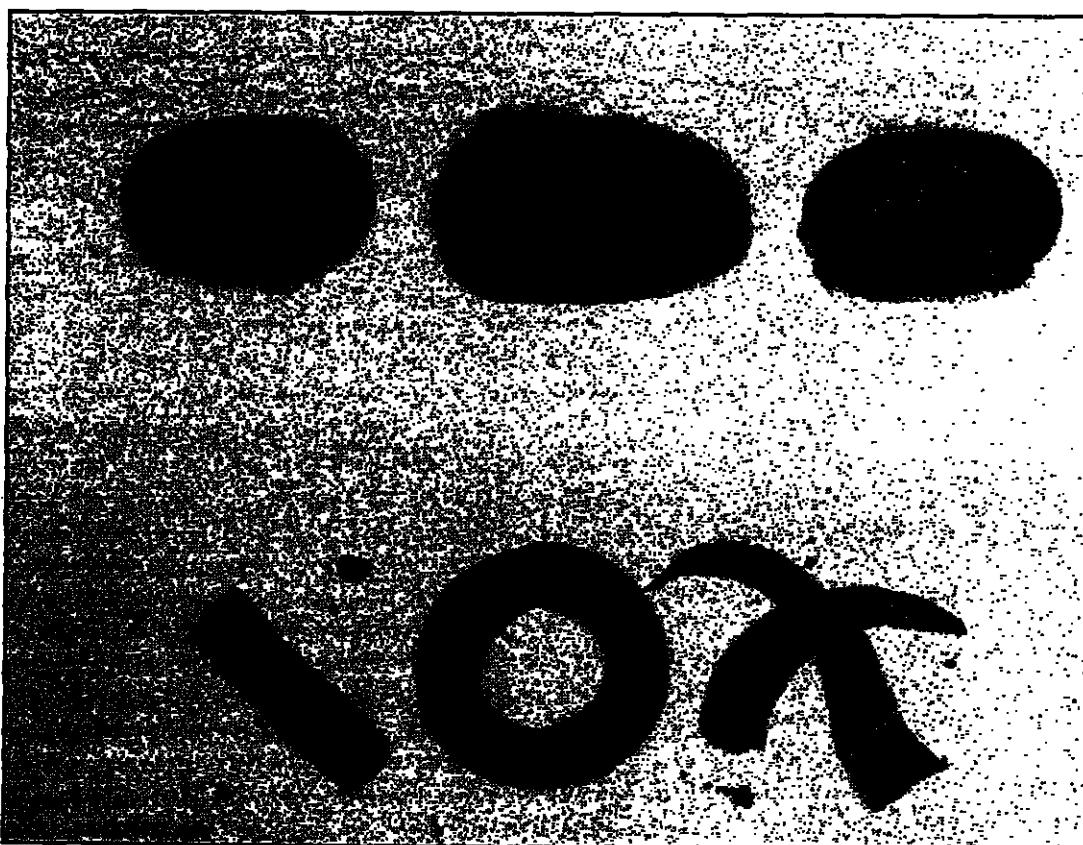
How do some people manage to get up at a specified hour without an alarm clock? My wife does this at 6 a.m. in time to hear the news broadcast - and we don't have a crying baby - while I overstep if I forget to put on the alarm clock. Rafi, Ma'aleh Adumim.

Dr. Ron Peled, a sleep medicine expert at the Haifa Technion's sleep lab, answers:

It's true that some people can do this, and I am one of them. It may be that one of the functions of dream sleep is to help people awaken.

Dream sleep generally occurs once every 90 minutes. When it's over, there's a possibility that the person will wake up. Prof. Perez Lavie, the head of our lab, and I did research on this over a decade ago, and we found that people who wake up at an exact time, without an alarm clock, do so close to the end of their dream-sleep phase. But the mechanism is not well understood.

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At last, the environment's on the agenda

Earthly Concerns



By Dvora Ben Shaul

A few years ago, this writer asked a leading political figure in Israel to explain why neither his nor any other major political party ever made environmental protection an important part of their election platform.

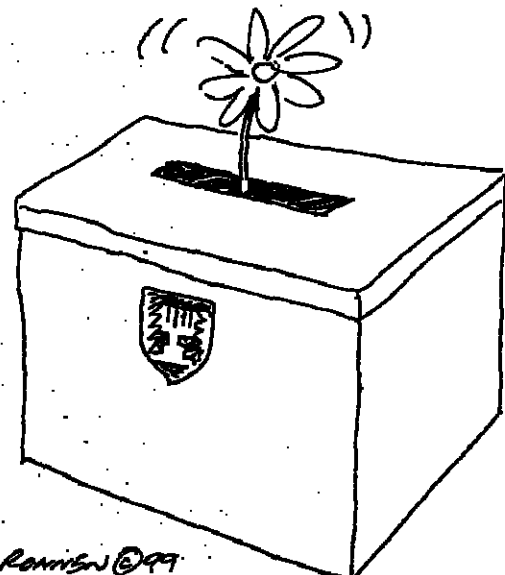
The answer was "well, there are many important issues to be considered and then there are critical issues. First we have to solve the critical issues and then we will have time to deal with the important ones."

This has been the situation in Israel since the birth of the state. Here and there a party did put a clause in its platform concerning the environment but this was, by and large, lip service that was not followed up, even when it might have been possible to do so.

That is why it came as a rather pleasant surprise in the recent municipal elections that some 80 candidates for local office signed an environmental covenant in the presence of Environment Minister Rafael Eitan and Environment Ministry director-general Nehama Ronen.

In this covenant, they pledged to promote environmental quality in the areas under their jurisdiction. They specifically committed themselves to prevent litter, noise, air and water pollution, protect the beaches and green areas, enforce environmental laws and protect animals.

And, for the first time in Israel's history, Green parties scored some significant successes in two of the major cities, Haifa and Tel Aviv.



While less successful in the smaller towns, a considerable number of candidates who had signed the environmental covenant did get seats on their respective local councils.

So, what does this mean? Is there really a green wave appearing in Israeli politics? Certainly it indicates that environmental consciousness has at last penetrated the political frame-

work and that there are more and more people who are beginning to see some of our environmental problems as critical, rather than simply important. It is a small start, to be sure, but a trend that can and probably will grow in the course of time.

Such changes in political attitudes always come from the rank and file in a democratic society. One must recall, for example, that shelters for victims of domestic violence were not started by the government or by any government-backed organization, but were set up by private parties who solicited donations here and abroad for the purpose. It took a number of years before organizations such as Na'amat got into the act.

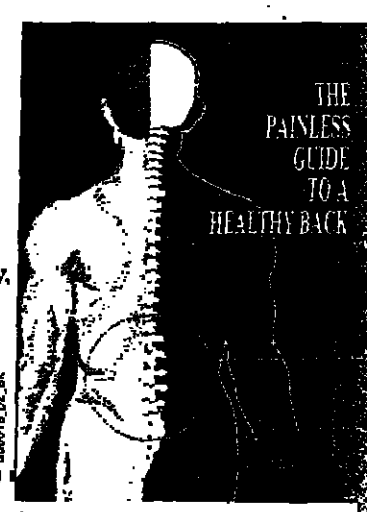
Now, for the first time, there is a green party competing for the Knesset. How successful it will be remains to be seen but the very fact that it was launched at all indicates that the environment, as a national issue, can no longer be shoved onto a back burner.

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'Spice World' wins the 'Razz'berry

By ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

It was the Spice girls versus Godzilla and Armageddon in the battle for the worst film of 1998 when the "Razzie" nominations for Hollywood's most loathsome annual achievements were announced on Monday.

Deliberately beating the Academy Award nominations for the year's best films by a day, the annual Golden Raspberry Award Foundation nominations for the worst has the Spice Girls' debut film *Spice World* up against four other critical flops: *Godzilla*, *An Alan Smithee Film: Burn Hollywood Burn*, *The Avengers* and *Armageddon*.

John Wilson, the founder of the "Razzies," as the award is called, said the 19th annual list represented a new low point for film making, the "worst movie-going year ever." Not even *Private Ryan* and all the firepower of World War II could save the year.

So in honor of that, he created new categories to celebrate the worst trends in recent films, including: "Gidgets and Geezers" — 58-year-old men wooing 28-year-old leading ladies; "If You've Seen the Trailer Why Bother to See the Movie" — previews that give away the film's entire plot; and "30-Minutes of Story Conveyed in Less than 3 Hours" — longer movies, shorter plots. The awards will be given out on March 20, a day before the Oscars.

Spice World garnered six nominations, including worst actress and worst new star for the entire five-member group, worst screenplay, worst original song and worst screen couple, which for *Spice World* was defined as "any combination of two characters, body parts or fashion accessories." Bruce Willis, who saved Mother Earth from being blown

to bits in *Armageddon* was nominated for worst actor for his role in that film and two others, *Mercury Rising* and *The Siege*, a sign that not only did his marriage to Demi Moore go kaput in 1998 but maybe his choice of roles as well.

But he has stiff competition for the award from Ralph Fiennes in *The Avengers*, Ryan O'Neil in *Burn Hollywood Burn*, Ryan Phillippe in *SA* and Adam Sandler in *The Waterboy*. Although she doesn't last long in the remake of *Psycho*, Anne Heche still wins a nomination for worst actress of the year, but she is up against all five Spice Girls, Uma Thurman for *The Avengers*, Jessica Lange for *Hush* and Yasmine Bleeth for *BASEketball*.

Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler are nominated as worst screen couple for *Armageddon* as are Ralph Fiennes and Uma Thurman for *The Avengers*. But they may get beaten by the Spice Girls, described as "a five-member girl group with the talent of one bad actress between them, any two people playing themselves in *Burn Hollywood Burn* or Leonardo DiCaprio who plays twins, one naughty, one nice, in *The Mun in the Iron Mask*."

Gus Van Sant, who deliberately did as little as he could to change *Psycho* except colorize and add a masturbation scene, was nominated for worst director of the year. But to win he has to beat the directors of *Burn Hollywood Burn*, *Armageddon*, *The Avengers* and *Godzilla*, no easy task.

Burn Hollywood Burn, a spoof on movie-making, received the most nominations with nine followed by *The Avengers* with eight, *Armageddon* with seven, *Spice World* with six, *Godzilla* five and *Psycho* three. (Reuters)



The Spice Girls got six 'Razzie' nominations, including worst actress, worst new song and worst screenplay.

Break out the bubbly

By AMY WALLACE and ROBERT W. WELKOS

James Coburn kissed his wife, Emily Watson, down. Emily Watson drank enough champagne to pronounce herself in "a haze," while her costar Rachel Griffiths screamed so loud she "woke up every old lady on my block."

Ed Harris tried to maintain his perspective by "trying to look at it through the eyes of [my] dog." And Gwyneth Paltrow? Determined to be well-rested for the first day of shooting on her next film, she tried — unsuccessfully — to go back to sleep.

"My thought was, 'It's 5:30 a.m. and I have to report to work at 8:30 a.m. I better just try to keep it together and not ruin my first day of work,'" said the first-time nominee, whose nomination for best actress was among 13 received by the romantic romp *Shakespeare in Love*. "I didn't believe it. I still don't."

Such was the range of reactions last Tuesday when the 71st annual Academy Award nominations were announced.

Films depicting two turbulent periods of history — the reign of England's Elizabeth I and World War II — dominated the race. Miramax's ode to William Shakespeare was nominated for best picture along with *Elizabeth*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Thin Red Line* and *Life Is Beautiful* — the Italian comedy about a father trying to shield his son from the horrors of the Holocaust.

DreamWorks SKG and Paramount's *Saving Private Ryan*, which vividly took moviegoers to the beaches of Normandy, garnered 11 Oscar nominations overall, while the other three films received seven nominations apiece.

Both big-budget films and smaller, independent fare were recognized by the academy voters, whose final choices will be announced on March 21. And veterans like Coburn shared the spotlight with newcomers like Cate Blanchett, the star of Gramercy Pictures' *Elizabeth*.

"After about 85 films, you feel, 'Well, finally got one night,'" said Coburn, 70, who received his first nomination, as best supporting actor, for his role as an abusive father in *Affliction*. "You don't make movies in order to get an award response. But when it happens for the first time, it's very gratifying."

In the best-director category, Steven Spielberg received his fifth Oscar nomination, for *Saving Private Ryan*, while Peter Weir received his third nomination, for *The Truman Show*. Also named were first-time nominees Terrence Malick for *The Thin Red Line*, John Madden for *Shakespeare in Love* and Benigni for *Life Is Beautiful*.

It was a big day for Benigni, Italy's favorite comedian, who is only the fourth filmmaker ever to be simultaneously nominated for best actor, best director and best screenplay. (The others included Woody Allen for *Annie Hall* and Warren Beatty for *Reds*.)

Benigni's film was also the first since 1969 to be nominated in both the best-picture and foreign-language categories.

Other best actor nominees included Tom Hanks as an earnest American soldier in *Saving Private Ryan*; Ian McKellen as a gay Hollywood director in *Gods and Monsters*; Nick Nolte as an angry, self-hating loser in *Affliction*; and Edward Norton as a hate-mongering neo-Nazi in *American History X*.

Best-actress nominations, in addition to Paltrow, went to Blanchett as the steely Virgin Queen in *Elizabeth*; Fernanda Montenegro as a retired schoolteacher in *Central Station*; Emily Watson as the late cellist Jacqueline du Pre in *Hilary and Jackie*; and Meryl Streep as a mother dying of cancer in *One True Thing*.

As is true every year, there were intriguing surprises to the nominations. For example, there was the return of Malick, nominated as best director, whose adaptation of the James Jones novel about the battle of Guadalcanal marked his first film in more than 20 years.

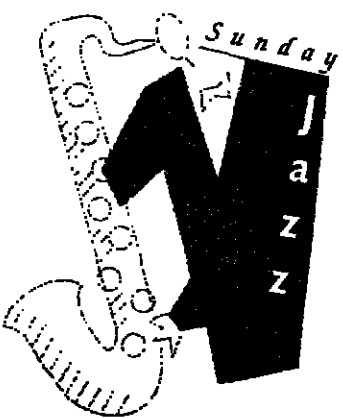
Another theme was the predominance of the monarchy, with the unusual situation of two women being nominated for depicting the same person: Blanchett and Dench each played Elizabeth I, who has been dead for almost 400 years. Rush, meanwhile, appeared in both films.

Coburn and Nolte, whose physical resemblance added credibility to their portrayals as an embittered father and son in *Affliction*, said they were hopeful that their nominations meant more people will see the film.

"When you're doing a little \$6-million picture, it's all about love of the material. The reason they're not made in Hollywood is they don't make much money. And you don't anticipate that it's going to get any recognition," Nolte said.

(Los Angeles Times)

This flute is born to boogie



By David Isaacson

Jimmy McGriff's excellent new disc *Straight Up* provides further evidence that less is more when it comes to the Hammond organ. Unlike soul-jazz godfather — and fellow-

STRAIGHT UP
Jimmy McGriff
(MCA)

THE FIRST SECOND
Paradox
(MCA)

Philadelphia organist — Jimmy Smith, the 62-year-old McGriff isn't in-your-face. He leads the band, but most often that wonderful tenor saxman David "Fathead" Newman leads the music.

And far more entrancing than the usual soul-jazz fare it is too.

FOR the most part, McGriff's background pouncing chords and drummer Bernard Purdie's fat-back style set groovy '60s rhythms, over which Newman, fellow tenor Frank Wess and guitarists Rodney Jones and Wayne Boyd trade likable mellow riffs.

Eight tracks, most of them seven minutes or more, combine feel-good swingers with slower ballads. On an up-tempo "It Had To Be You," McGriff echoes the sax leads, wisely using his instrument to layer the melody. A long, mildly incantatory cover of the Isley Brothers' "It's Your Thing" features a chorus so catchy it could stay in your head all day.

Newman reveals a gift for writing melodies in the gospel-based "Brother Griff" and, for modern-jazz diehards, the set closes with a rousing version of Sonny Rollins' "Oleo."

Yet for all the funky tenor fun of Newman and Wess (who both sound a bit like a relaxed Eddie

Harris) the standout track is the grooving title number, written by Newman, on which they play flute.

Eric Dolphy notwithstanding, I've never thought much of the flute as a lead — it tends to sound fey and, thanks to Ian Anderson, frequently smacks of folksy hippies tripping in a field. On "Straight Up" the flute sounds born to boogie.

If soul-jazz is making a comeback, McGriff and Newman are standard bearers.

Just when you thought it was safe to get back into fusion, along comes *The First Second*. As the three industrial cogs on the cover indicate, the Paradox trio is heavy. Very heavy.

Recorded live in Germany last year by German label Enja, *The First Second* is loud, confident and powerful. The bass of Wolfgang Schmid and guitars of Bill Bickford are electric in more senses than one, and Billy Cobham shows why, in the early '70s, he was considered by many to be the best drummer around. Cobham still has that incredible pace and energy. Though he's added some subtle touches, he remains incredibly dominant and, what's more, he doesn't feel the need to bore us with long solos.

For all the '70s-style song titles — "Parable," "Mozaik," "Twistedology" — and the musicians' age, *The First Second* brings a brazen, youthful feel to the genre. Those traditionalists who thought there was too much rock in the '70s fusion of Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock will not approve.

Star-struck 'Goldilocks' stalks Pitt

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — A 19-year-old woman, whom police found curled up in Brad Pitt's bed and sleeping in his clothes, was ordered late last week to stay away from the Hollywood heart-throb for three years.

But outside court she said, "I'd actually like to file a restraining order against Mr. Pitt to stay away from me."

Adina Marie Rolando made the comments after Los Angeles

Superior Court Commissioner Victor Reichman granted Pitt's request for a preliminary restraining order against the aspiring actress for her "terrible intrusion." A restraining order had already been in place, but the judge last week imposed a three-year preliminary injunction against her.

Police found Rolando on January 7 in Pitt's bed, holding a long needle wrapped in ribbons

that she called a "doll" and wearing the actor's green sweatshirt, blue sweatpants, socks, shoes, and blue baseball cap.

Pitt was not at home at the time. Rolando was charged with trespassing.

Rolando — who according to court documents once placed a "chant" on Pitt's then-girlfriend, actress Gwyneth Paltrow — acted as her own lawyer and said outside court that she had lost respect for Pitt because he had not bothered to show up for the court hearing.

"After holding a man in high regard, I have a little bit different opinion of someone who can't defend themselves or even show up for their own hearing. Now, he's not even worth my breath," she said.

During the court hearing, Los Angeles police detective Sandra Betancourt testified that Rolando had told her of hearing voices in her head. Betancourt said Rolando claimed the voice was her own, but "with a different personality."

Rolando cross-examined the detective, asking her: "What voice does your conscience have, Miss Betancourt?"

"Well, it's my voice," Betancourt responded.

According to court papers documenting the January 7 incident, Rolando took a cab to Pitt's home wearing only a satin nightgown and slippers. She climbed a 2.4 meter fence and crawled through an open window into his home.

Rolando allegedly spent 10 hours in Pitt's home before a caretaker noticed suspicious activity and called police.



Brad Pitt, star of 'Meet Joe Black', has to beat back the girls.

The Bicycle Thieves steal originality from this album

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

The Israeli record-buying public by and large prefers its rock soft and melodic. This fact of life explains why most local bands with a bent for the harder stuff will never sell a fraction of the albums that Shlomo Artzi does. To an extent, it may also explain the split personality demonstrated by the duo The Bicycle Thieves (Gonvei

GONVEI HA'OFANAYIM
Gonvei Ha'ofanayim
(Heb. Artzi)

Ha'ofanayim) on their recent debut.

Although the pre-release buzz on the album was quite positive, the final product is a tad underwhelming. If anything, *The Bicycle Thieves* sounds like the work of a couple of guys who would like to rock out but find themselves straitjacketed by the need to come up with something palatable for the market.

Yishai Elharar and Yossi Meller, the thieves in question, swing from pole to pole on the record. One moment it is quiet and acoustic, the next, angry and plugged-in. The quiet stuff — which, after all, drives the sales of

the album — features prominently. Such is the case with the album's opening track, the heavily played "All the Flowers."

Elharar, who wrote all the songs, proves himself a member in good standing of Generation Angst. Most of the songs work on the theme of "lonely young man versus the world," and this is one of them.

The musical production, courtesy of Dudi Levy, is fairly straightforward but not particularly inspired. The basic sound of acoustic guitar and drums makes up most of the music, broken only occasionally by keyboards or strings.

The album suffers from familiarity. Listeners will probably come away with the feeling that they have heard these songs before, which may in fact be the case. The disc is filled with second-hand

riffs, ideas, and guitar signatures which pop up in the middle of songs in a mildly jarring way. "All the Flowers," for instance, quotes little bits from Mashina's "Send Me an Angel." In other places, they lift a guitar flourish from Porno for Pyros or a choral refrain from Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

It is a pity that the lamer material gets the higher profile, since Elharar gets quite good results on those tracks where he decides to cut loose. As a lyricist, he comes up with interesting turns of phrase, such as on "Turn on the Night," which he begins by asking "Daddy, buy me a new life/ The one that I have is all screwed up."

The harder-rocking tracks, in fact, are as good as any that have come out in the last year, both musically and lyrically. "Wetting the World's Living Room" has a

punk feel to it, complete with a laundry list of things Elharar fears. Among this list one finds, naturally, such items as love, failure, and adulthood. However, a little further down, he also adds more unusual items such as the hallway and the toilet. Go figure.

On "For You" and "To the House," *The Bicycle Thieves* engage in enjoyable three- and four-chord power pop, reminiscent of early-'90s bands like Eryo Hayered and Dr. Kaspar's Rabbit Show.

And yet, despite the occasional rocking moments, *The Bicycle Thieves* is the musical equivalent of a Chinese meal: an hour later, you're hungry for more. Luckily, the two are only at the beginning of their careers. Hopefully by the next record, Elharar and Meller will learn to leave the acoustic guitars at home.

The fear of giving from beyond the grave

Israelis donate only eight organs per million residents compared to the 50 per million needed, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich learned at a recent symposium

To Leave Life After You... are five simple words that summarize the importance of organ donations. But the subject arouses deep emotions emanating from a denial of death, sudden bereavement, religious beliefs and body images. The topic is probably more explosive here than in most countries.

Over a third of the 300-member audience at a recent Jerusalem symposium on organ transplants signed up as potential donors with ADL, the voluntary organization that has already registered 135,000 potential donors (it is reachable at 1-800-609610).

But the organizers of the event, the Israel Transplant Coordinating Center and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Faculty of Medicine, were preaching to the converted. The audience at the medical school's Magid Auditorium included doctors, nurses and hospital transplant coordinators, as well as the general public.

Just 3 percent of Israelis are registered with ADL; 85 families donated a total of 251 organs in 1998 - and that was double the figure of the previous year.

According to Rina Rahmani, ADL's education and information director, Israelis donate only eight organs per million residents, compared to the 50-per-million rate recognized as required to meet all needs, and the 30-per-million figure in Spain, Austria and Singapore.

These countries are among those that have either passed a law of presumed consent (in which everyone who dies is regarded as a potential donor unless he signed a statement in his lifetime opting out) or give people who register as potential donors priority for receiving organs.

But no country, except perhaps some dictatorships, would like to imitate China,

where 5,000 donor kidneys suddenly became available last year when prisoners on death row were forced to "donate" their after execution.

The convicted, said Rahmani, were warned that if they didn't "volunteer" their kidneys, they would be harvested anyway, with their families required to pay the cost of surgery.

The idea of organs taken from cadavers to replace those ravaged by disease is a very old one, though the first operation - when an identical twin gave a kidney to his brother - wasn't done till 1954. In 1967, Dr. Christian Barnard attempted the first heart transplant, but the patient died soon after.

The surgery really began to take off in the early Eighties, when cyclosporin and other anti-rejection drugs were developed.

Incredibly, a fourth-century BCE physician "tried to perform a heart transplant" on some poor man - not surprisingly, perhaps, the patient didn't live to talk about it. In the third century, someone rather dramatically attempted to transplant the leg of a black man to a white amputee.

The first heart transplant in dogs was done in 1905, and the first transplant of a cat lung in 1907. The first human liver transplant was done in 1963 by Prof. Thomas Starzl of Pittsburgh, but success rates were low until cyclosporin appeared on the scene.

SINCE 1980, over 46,000 organ transplants of all kinds have been performed in 300 medical centers around the world, said Prof. Ya'acov Lavie, head of the heart transplantation unit at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

Three of the centers are in Israel. They are the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva, Hadassah-



University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and Sheba. The figures, Lavie said, came from an international database established years ago by transplant centers worldwide to monitor global trends.

During most of the Eighties, the number of operations zoomed, but a plateau was reached in 1989.

"This isn't due to the shortage of staff or potential recipients, but to the lack of donated organs," Lavie said.

When medical considerations are taken into account, anyone from birth through old age can undergo an organ transplant.

A team in Pittsburgh recently performed a successful organ transplant on a newborn baby delivered prematurely by cesarean section after a diagnosis in the womb showed a severe congenital problem.

But because of inadequate organ supply,

Israeli heart surgeons have set an unofficial age limit of 65.

"If we had more organs we could accept anyone, even patients over 75," he said earnestly.

Israel's small size helps it in the field of transplants, since any organ can be harvested in a hospital at one end of the country and transplanted at the other end.

But Israel's geographical isolation introduces another problem. While in the US transplants can be transported from one state to the other, Israel's donor reserve is restricted since it has an organ agreement only with Cyprus.

Livers and kidneys can "wait" for up to 24 hours before transplantation, but hearts and lungs cannot, because the ischemia (lack of oxygen to the tissue) renders them useless within four or five hours.

Even in the US, hearts and lungs donated on the East Coast cannot be used on the

West Coast, Lavie added.

PROF. Avinoam Reches, a senior neurologist at Hadassah in Ein Kerem, explained the very complicated issue of brain death.

The lower brain (or brain stem in back of the head) is like an automatic pilot that keeps a plane flying when the human pilot is asleep.

When a person sleeps, the brain stem keeps him breathing while the cerebral cortex is dormant.

If trauma, disease or a lack of oxygen irreversibly destroys the whole brain except for the stem, the patient's heart can continue to beat for a time, but the person is brain-dead. Damage to the two hemispheres of the upper brain can drive the patient into a coma; to determine whether that patient is a potential organ donor a rigid series of procedures is carried out to make sure his organs (except the beating heart) have failed and he is indeed brain-dead.

In the 16th century, doctors used to place a lighted candle in front of a person's nose and a mirror in front of his open mouth. Two decades ago, an electroencephalogram to detect brain waves had to be performed once, and then again 24 hours later.

Today, this requirement has been superseded by more sophisticated techniques that can determine "irreversible, unarousable unresponsiveness."

Today, Reches said, "we use the Glasgow Coma Scale of 3 to 15 points. A brain-dead person is awarded the minimum three; anything higher makes it forbidden to turn off the respirator."

"Among the tests are squirting icewater into the ear, pressing forcefully on the sternum [breastbone], testing of reflexes and attempts to trigger verbal responses."

Reches was reluctant to go into the rabbinical disputes over whether brain death is death according to Halacha.

Short-term transplant survival rates are now very high. As for long-term survival, Lavie said, the world rates are 80% after a year, 60% after five years and 40% after a decade.

This sharp decline is due to a chronic narrowing of the arteries feeding blood to the transplanted organs.

"But researchers are working on drug combinations that will not only fight acute rejection of the organ by the recipient's immune system but also this chronic rejection. When they're successful, the long-term survival rates will be much higher."

"In any case, if you study large numbers of cardiac patients who need a new organ but don't get one, their two-year survival rate is only 10%, so there is no choice for now," Lavie stressed.

THE dearth of hearts has promoted the development of cardiac assistance devices, small pumps with power sources outside the body that, alongside a failing heart, can keep the blood circulating until a donated heart becomes available.

Sheba already has several patients like this living normal lives, wearing a battery pack that is charged overnight like a cellular phone.

Lavie showed a slide of one man, Yishai Einbinder, shopping in the supermarket; the patient has since undergone a heart transplant and is doing fine.

Looking toward the future, Lavie said that eventually, transgenic pigs (implanted with some human genes) specially raised abroad would become an important source of heart transplants.

Such animals, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars at present but due to come down drastically in price, are already "waiting to do their duty," but scientists fear that porcine viruses might infect recipients of their organs.

Lavie predicted that within two years these concerns will evaporate and the first transgenic transplants - allowing the recipient's body to "recognize" the pig heart as coming from another human - will begin.

"I see the day when every hospital will have its own pig farm," he declared, even though the use of other transgenic organs would probably be more complicated.

Wanted: A well-dressed doc

Health Scan



Study which found that a physician's appearance also gives an impression to the doctor-patient relationship.

Dr. Alon Margalit of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Medical School, who received the study for the Israeli Journal, commented humorously that he was concerned about patients' preferences for formal clothing, since he himself was "addicted to smelly, forced to wear a suit and tie on the job, he said the world probably be sorry and surprised."

Nearly all 173 males polled indicated that staffers wear a white coat, suit and tie, or a lab coat, shirt and vest, against earrings and long hair. Women doctors, they said, should wear a lab coat, a long white coat and a tie, and no earrings or facial jewelry.

Used pacemakers - the legacy of life

By CINDY LOOSE

Can medical equipment be recycled? Not in most cases - but the heart pacemaker is an exception.

One American family translated a personal tragedy into benefit for others.

The family arrived at the hospital just moments after Annie Kuntz died. Her daughter reached out to touch the still-warm body one last time, then recoiled, her eyes wide with shock.

"Her heart's still beating," she cried out to her husband. A nurse quickly explained that Kuntz was really dead. What her daughter had felt was Kuntz's pacemaker, still trying to do its work.

On the ride home from the Billings, Montana, hospital that day in 1988, Bill Daem and his wife - Kuntz's daughter, Evelyn - talked about the six healthy years the pacemaker had added to Kuntz's life.

What a shame, they thought, to waste such a precious item. They asked everyone they could think of what they could do with the electronic device, which stimulates electrical activity to keep the heart beating regularly and typically costs between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

"Everyone said 'Nothing,' so we buried it with her," Bill Daem said. It would take many years and another jolt, but Daem eventually started what is now a thriving pacemaker recovery program he calls Heart Too Heart.

Every morning, he checks the metal cooler he keeps chained to his doorstep for deliveries of pacemakers, which get sent to him from about 225 funeral homes across the country. He then forwards the devices to doctors, who reimplant them in destitute patients overseas.

Neither Daem nor the manufacturer nor the doctor makes any money from the program.

DAEM quickly learned that pacemakers cannot be recycled in the US, where the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves them for one-time use only. But when he looked into shipping them overseas, he discovered that many Third World countries have no rules governing their use, and are eager to acquire more of them.

He initially contacted Montana's senators, who agreed that there was no obvious legal impediment to a doctor donating pacemakers overseas.

Then he checked into the medical aspects.

As the retired assistant chief of



A secondhand device (inset), properly checked and sterilized, can add years to the lives of impoverished heart patients in the Third World.

emergency medical services in Billings, Daem knew many people in the medical community. He learned that pacemaker manufacturers oppose recycling, citing liability issues, and questions about safe sterilization.

He also discovered that the devices are routinely sterilized and reused in Swedish hospitals. He quickly became convinced that a heart patient with a properly checked - used pacemaker is almost certainly better off than a heart patient with no pacemaker at all.

THE issue of the US exporting second-class medical care to the Third World has become a concern in recent years, but several US cardiologists contacted about Daem's program spoke highly of it.

"Heart Too Heart is a wonderful organization doing lifesaving work," said Peter Alagona, a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and president of Heartbeat International. His group procures new pacemakers nearing their expiration date from manufacturers and ships them to 24 countries overseas.

"But pacemakers are like hearts: You can never harvest enough of them to make a dent in the world."

As long as the pacemakers are properly sterilized and reassessed

for performance, recycling them is "a very reasonable idea," said David Hayes, director of pacemaker services at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

An FDA spokeswoman did not explain why the FDA approves pacemakers for one-time use only.

But because the devices are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance policies, there is no demand for reuse in the US. Some doctors attribute the one-use policy more to business concerns than medical safety.

"Americans only want the best and newest of everything," Alagona said, "but people overseas don't quibble when a pacemaker can give them extra years of life."

The funeral homes are responsible for disinfecting the pacemakers; the receiving doctor sterilizes them and checks them with computer equipment, reusing only those retaining 80 percent of their battery power.

The recipient pool is expanding. Last month a group of doctors took a batch of pacemakers to Eastern Europe, and Daem is trying to enlist medical missionaries from two major denominations. Beyond the obvious gain to recipients, some side benefits have emerged as the program has grown.

Coni Lynn Gasch-Grady occasionally recovers pacemakers for Daem from clients at Gasch Funeral Home in Hyattsville, Maryland.

"It's a wonderful thing for the people receiving them," she said, "but my main interest is the families who donate. It's a positive step forward in the grieving process."

She routinely asks families if they want to donate eyeglasses, hearing aids, walkers and such. Otherwise, she said, people typically "either keep them or throw them away, and that's very hard on families either way."

Asking if they want to donate something implanted in the body is harder, she said, but she finds families are grateful for the opportunity.

"Please recycle my medical devices," read the organization's wallet-sized cards.

These allow donors to specify pacemakers and defibrillators, which are implanted in a person's chest, as well as insulin pumps, which can be implanted in the stomach; also hearing aids, glasses and "other."

Although there are thousands of funeral homes in the US and more than a million elderly citizens now wear pacemakers, Daem is optimistic that he can handle the flow if cooperation mushrooms.

(The Washington Post)

Why Led Zeppelin makes grandma wince

By MELISSA RAKE

It isn't only an illusion that middle-aged and old people are more sensitive to noise - so if your grandmother is complaining that your rock music is too loud, turn it down.

Researchers at Ohio University who studied older people's auditory perceptions of rock music found that they were bothered because the music actually sounded louder to them than it did to younger people.

In a study comparing how young adults and older people judge noise levels of rock music, professor of hearing and speech sciences Donald Fucci found that seniors rated rock music much higher on a loudness scale than younger people.

"As we get older, our tolerance for loudness is lower," said Fucci, lead author of this new study. The researchers tested 10 people aged 18 to 21 and 10 others ranging in age from 51 to 58.

"With older people, you can actually see them squinting from the music," Fucci said. "They say it hurts their ears."

The research was presented at the recent annual meeting of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association in San Antonio, Texas.

For the study, researchers asked participants to rate the loudness of rock music played at nine intensities, ranging from 10 decibels to 90 decibels.

Normal conversation is about 60 decibels, and 130 decibels nears the threshold of pain in which ears start to burn and hearing can be damaged. Live rock music often is played at 130 decibels, Fucci said.

Participants listened to the rock song "Heartbreaker" by Led Zeppelin for 10 seconds at different intensities. At each intensity the older subjects gave the music higher loudness ratings than did the younger subjects.

"Even if you had a really low intensity, the older adults gave higher numbers right off the bat," said Fucci, who has been studying people's auditory perception of rock music since 1993, including the dif-

ferences in perception among males, females and children.

AS many people age, they develop a common hearing loss condition called presbycusis, in which hearing gradually deteriorates and certain sounds become distorted. The elderly person's perception of high frequencies diminishes, and low frequencies - like the bass and drums of rock music - are magnified.

"When older people lose the high frequencies, they hear a distortion. What they hear resembles sound from an Edison phonograph more than sound from a high-quality stereo," Fucci said.

"With rock music, they still are hearing the low frequencies, and the beat and rhythm knocks their heads off."

Although physiological changes affect people's hearing as they age, emotion also plays a role in auditory perception, Fucci said.

In previous studies, he found that if people dislike a certain type of music, they're naturally going to perceive it as being uncomfortably loud.

All the participants in Fucci's study, both young and old, said they disliked rock music. Fucci suspects, however, that the older subjects were more annoyed by the music, probably because they didn't grow up listening to it.

"I think there's an irrational factor with older people toward rock music," he said. "Most don't like it and aren't expected to like it. These subjects just didn't like the rock music - at any level."

(Ohio University News Service)



Older people's preference for Haydn over heavy metal may be more than just a reflection of the generation gap. (Hansoth Outmann)

Innovations

Latest revolutionary cell phone

Telecommunications giant Ericsson has unveiled an innovative new mobile phone which includes voice dialing, an automatic world clock and new battery technology.

The T 28 dual-band mobile phone is based on technology and design platforms which, according to the company, mark a watershed in the development of cellular telephony. The phone, which will be widely available later this year, is the smallest GSM mobile phone developed by Ericsson to date and boasts a full graphic display for easy readability. It also features voice dialing, which lets the user contact someone simply by saying their name.

The interior of the phone contains new functions which will simplify communications for the user. Its keypad allows for easy and precise manipulation and a side key gives rapid access to the phone's numerous functions.

Based on a new three-volt platform, the phone's components draw less current and thereby ensure longer talk time (+4.5 hours) and a standby time of up to 200 hours.

www.ericsson.se

New line of PC-enhanced toys

Toymaking giant Mattel has joined forces with Intel, the world's largest chipmaker, to launch a new line of PC-enhanced toys designed to combine the power of PCs with the fun of toys.

The first two toys in the Intel Play Line were unveiled at the American International Toy Fair in New York which ran from February 8-12.

Called the Intel Play X3 Microscope and the Intel Play Me2Cam, the toys were jointly developed by a team of engineers and toy designers from the two companies.

Using the Intel Play X3 Microscope, children can magnify and display microscopic objects on their PC screens and then play with the images in creative ways. The microscope uses digital video imaging technology to let kids view, enlarge and save images of bugs, plants and other everyday objects.

The Intel Play Me2Cam allows children to see themselves on the computer screen and use their own bodies to navigate in a virtual world. The Me2Cam system comes with a digital video camera and CD-ROM software.

The products cost about \$99 each and will be available in the fall. www.intel.com

New mini wire-speed IP router

Data Communications has developed a new miniature wire-speed IP router based on RAD's ChipRouter System-on-a-Chip.

The TinyRouter is designed as a low-cost solution for terminating IP services running over permanent connections to the customer premises, and provides a wide range of features enabling carriers to support the growing market for high-speed Internet access.

The product supports 10Mbps link speeds on the WAN access link with filtering and forwarding at wire speed. RAD, a specialist in high quality data communications and telecommunications product solutions for carriers, service providers and corporate networks, believes the product is ideal for the upcoming high-speed IP broadcast applications over media such as satellite.

RAD, which is part of the Rad Group, is based in Tel Aviv. www.rad.com

A monitor that leaves room to work

Compaq Computer Corporation has extended its line of commercial monitors with the introduction of a new space-saving 19-inch color monitor.

The Compaq V900 Color Monitor, now on sale in Israel, delivers 26 percent more screen size than traditional 17" CRT monitors, but takes up less desk space, offering users more flexibility with their desktop space and the chance to migrate to a 19" screen.

The V900 features a short-neck tube design which reduces the depth of the monitor by 2", and a concealed cable feature which allows connections to plug into the back of the monitor vertically so users can place it flush against the wall.

In addition, the V900 monitor features .22mm horizontal dot pitch for outstanding clarity.

Compaq, the world's leader in monitor shipments, has a subsidiary in Israel.

Turn left for the Ayalon

Datus Inc., a Californian specialist in vehicle navigation hardware and software, has launched the first handheld portable vehicle navigation system using turn-by-turn voice instructions.

The new RouteFinder PNA (portable car navigation assistant) provides address-to-address route generation and automatic voice guidance in a small handheld device to safely guide drivers to their destination without maps or written directions.

Equipped with a built-in satellite receiver, the RouteFinder PNA incorporates the Global Positioning System (GPS), allowing the user to instantly locate his position on a digital map displayed on its 4.1" screen.

"The RouteFinder PNA represents an important breakthrough for car navigation systems," said Andy Khanna, president of Datus, a wholly owned subsidiary of Daewoo Telecom.

www.datusinc.com

Camera in your pocket

Fuji Photo Film U.S.A. has unveiled the world's smallest digital camera featuring a 2.3 million pixel CCD sensor and a 35mm-equivalent lens with macro capability for clear and colorful photos.

The pocket-size Fujifilm MX-2700 captures high-resolution 1,800 x 1,200 images of rich color and clarity. When its images are printed at 300 dpi, the MX-2700 produces 10 x 15 cm. snapshots, while at 150 dpi it delivers 30 x 20 cm. enlargements.

It uses a rechargeable lithium ion battery that can take up to 250 shots when the liquid crystal display is turned off, and 80 shots when it is turned on. It has video output and serial ports.

The camera, which is 9.65 cm. high and 7.87 cm. wide, has a high-grade, hi-tech aluminum alloy body that weighs just 240 grams. It can fit easily into a shirt pocket.

It stores images on re-usable, wafer-thin SmartMedia removable storage cards.

The price has not yet been announced.

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Out of the chrysalis

Having just been bought by Texas Instruments for \$50m., radio-technology developer Butterfly Communications believes it is the quintessential start-up dream story

By Nicky Blackburn

The day after Amit Haller finished his military service he founded a company. He didn't have premises, a staff or even an idea of what technology he wanted to develop - but he knew he wanted to be independent.

Less than seven years down the road, he has just sold his company, Butterfly Communications, a pioneer in the development of radio-frequency wireless technology, to the global semiconductor company Texas Instruments for \$50 million.

Butterfly, which is based in Kfar Sava and now employs 65 people, was founded in late 1992 when Haller was just 23. He had been a development engineer in an R&D unit of the IDF and launched the company with four friends from the same unit. All were aged between 23 and 26.

They started the venture with \$130,000

To keep running, we needed another \$20m., which was far beyond Israeli VCs

- Butterfly's Amit Haller

from a consumer electronics company in the Far East, but after the money ran out, they began bootstrapping to stay afloat. Mostly they carried out subcontracting work for other companies.

"We tried to shoot in different directions in the telecom industry," says Haller. "It took us until the end of 1995 to realize that this is not the type of business that five guys, whatever their talent, can do from Israel. We realized our core competency is the chipset, especially in the wireless and communications domain."

With this decision made, Haller and his friends had to decide how to sell their technology. They identified three possible ways.

"Firstly we could carry on subcontracting work based on our talent but there's no big difference in that to being an employee. Or we could sell our technology to other companies. It's better than the first way, but we would find ourselves building a pretty small company with pretty small potential. You never really control the technology or the applications the technology goes to."

They chose the third way: to pack the technology into a chip and then sell it on to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

"Once we defined the basic way to go I realized that I couldn't do it myself, or rather," Haller adds quickly, "I might be able to do it but the learning curve would be too long. We had three years of hard work, low sales and lots of risk behind us and we needed to gain some time advantage."

HIS solution was to bring Gidi Barak on board as CEO and chairman of the company at the start of 1996.

Barak, 42, brought experience with him. He had been VP of the DSP Group, president and CEO of DSP Communications, and had founded VDOnet, an Israeli start-up that has now closed.

He also brought seed money of \$500,000. With Barak's arrival the company became more focused. "He began to fill in what we were missing - product definition, the type of customer to target, how to package our technology, etc.," says Haller.

One of his first achievements was to set up a sales and marketing office in Santa Clara, California, in the summer of 1996.

At the end of 1996, Butterfly launched its prototype at the Comdex show in Las Vegas.

"From this point we started to create a momentum in the PC and telecom industry. We had the right technology in the right place and we got there first," says Haller.

In fact not only did the company arrive first, it also got there a year too early.

"The market for wireless connectivity wasn't ready yet," admits Haller.

While this enabled Butterfly to take an early lead, it also forced the company to spend another year without revenues.

As Haller points out, it's a slow enough process even when the market is ready.

"It takes months to convince a customer that he needs wireless. Then he has to evaluate it, then he starts to develop a product using our chip - a process that can take between six months and a year. Only then can you get the order."

The upshot of this is that sales have only just begun today.

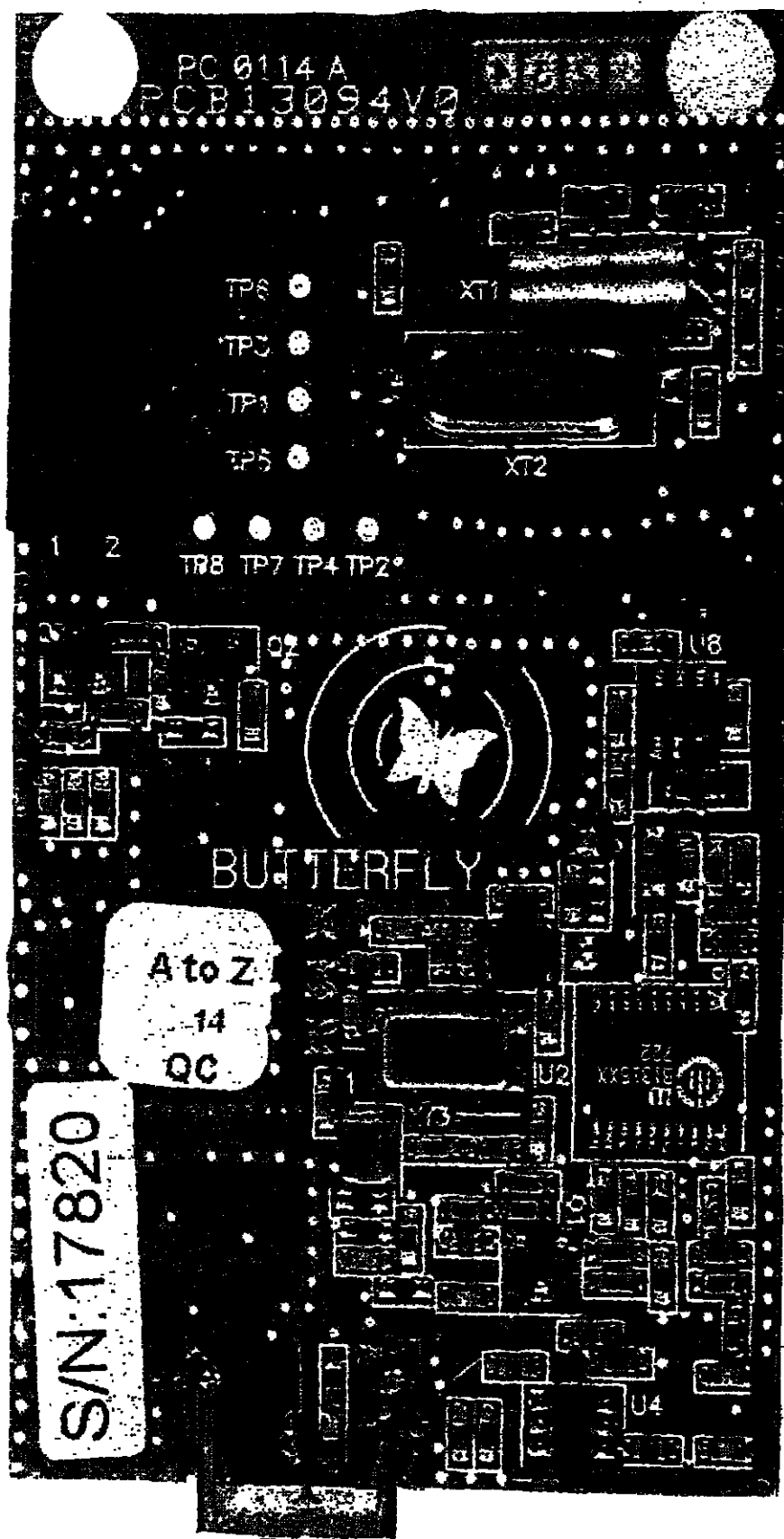
Funding came instead from four Israeli venture-capital companies. Giza Israel Fund, Genesis, Apex and Gemini Capital Fund, which together invested a total of \$17 million.

This might seem a lot to invest in a company that hadn't made a single sale, but Haller refutes this. It's something of a sore point with him.

"In Israel this might seem a large amount of money, but in California it's considered small. This is an issue for Butterfly because the market we are addressing is mostly the US market."

Haller cites the example of a start-up called ShareWave recently founded in California in a similar field to Butterfly.

"It has much less technology, is later in the market and doesn't have a product yet,



but the day it opened it raised \$50m. in investment. Nothing like that could happen in Israel," says Haller.

"It put us, as an Israeli company, in a difficult situation. Our competitors are across the Atlantic and the VCs [venture capitalists] that support them are usually overseas as well. In order for us to keep running and to build a big company here, we needed to raise another \$20m., which was quite out of the limits of Israeli venture capitalists."

Eddie Shalev, general partner of Genesis - the lead investor in Butterfly - agrees: "For Butterfly to continue and seize the market in a big way it needed a lot more money than we invested. But the Israeli venture capital industry doesn't have the

muscles or the financial resources to carry out this kind of venture. We are still \$50-\$100m. funds, we can't invest \$8-10m. in one company."

IT left Butterfly facing a dilemma. Either it could begin hunting for a partner in the semiconductor industry or it could take the risk, try to find additional funds, and sell out at a later stage as a much larger company.

Butterfly chose the former and late in 1998 began formal discussions with Dallas-based Texas Instruments (TI), a worldwide leader and pioneer in digital signal processing solutions.

"We wanted technological back-up and a direct entrance to our core markets," explains Haller.

It's a decision that does have its share of critics. One VC who did not wish to be

named said: "The general feeling is that it was done in an Israeli way of thinking. They could have taken a different route. By selling early they sold at a low price. With more VC investment the company could have grown to be a \$100m. company but Israeli VCs still prefer to sell in the short term. Investment behavior is not that mature."

"I think we could have been wrong at the end of the day, but in this specific situation the company needed about \$15-20m. if it was to become a big success story," says Shalev. "Financially, we decided we couldn't afford it."

On January 21, TI announced that it had bought Butterfly for \$50m. and that it would become a 100% owned subsidiary.

For TI, the purchase made a great deal of sense.

The global giant has been focusing on developing applications and equipment for

This acquisition is very complementary to our existing leadership in wireless communications

- TI's VP Gilles Delfassy

the digital signal processing (DSP) market, the fastest growing area of telecommunications, but wanted to take a further step into the hottest area of growth within this field - wireless communications.

Butterfly's short-range wireless communications technology fills just this gap. With its additional technology, TI aims to become a leading producer of domestic wireless communications systems.

"This acquisition is very complementary to our existing leadership in wireless communications," said Gilles Delfassy, TI vice president and manager of the wireless communications business unit in January. "Butterfly and TI together will make a dynamic combination to provide a total systems solution to enable the various voice, data, control and multimedia applications that are emerging in the general wireless consumer market place."

TI also announced that it plans to use the purchase of Butterfly to create a base for itself in Israel. Other deals are likely to follow.

TODAY, though the sign on the door says Butterfly, the company is now officially known as Texas Instruments Israel. Butterfly will become the brand name for the product line.

Under the terms of the agreement TI is a business unit.

"Legally it's different [than before the buyout] but from a practical point of view it's exactly the same," says Haller. "We're an independent profit center."

Barak is leaving the company to spend more time with his other companies and also possibly to start a new venture. TI now has a new general manager, Christian Dupont.

Haller is to become the director of development and business, and will be moving to Dallas. He will report to Dupont, who will be managing the company from Texas.

Is that a bit of a comedown after running his own company?

"My personal belief about control is that a manager can, and should control whatever he decides to control, those things are not identified by corporate structure. From my perspective TI is just my new investor replacing the old ones."

"Anyway," he jokes, "it's not like I had much control before, for totally different reasons. It took me one week of running my own company to realize that I had no independence because you're controlled by the industrialists, your customers, and your employees. There's no such thing as freedom."

"This year promises to be an extremely busy one for TI. There are a few sales contracts worth some \$3-4m. on the horizon and the final sales forecast for 1999 is in the double digits."

"We are getting new customers every second day," says Haller.

Microsoft has shown an interest, as have other large corporations.

"The company is going to grow a lot," he predicts. "Having TI on board will create a lot of opportunity for creating cutting-edge developments."

He estimates that in two years TI will see sales in the region of a few hundred million dollars.

"We are shooting very high," he says. "This is a very promising technology, and a very promising market. It hasn't taken off yet but it's a big market and everyone's talking about it," says Shalev.

In the meantime the company has little competition though this is a situation that will change.

"All of the big guys are getting in on the act," says Haller.

Does that worry him?

"Now we are TI, so we're playing the same game. That's why we started the cooperation. We need back-up like this; we couldn't have done it alone."

Despite the question marks hanging over the timing of the sale, Haller says he is pleased with the move. All the friends who started the company with him are in top positions, and all have reached these positions at a relatively young age.

"This," says Haller, "is a start-up story come true."

A wireless approach

Butterfly Communications is a world pioneer in the development of highly integrated chipsets - solutions which enable indoor and short-distance wireless communications within the home and office.

The electronic chip kits enable devices and controls. "Working together with Texas Instruments, we allow the two companies to provide wireless connectivity in fixed or mobile peripheral devices such as laptop computers, game peripherals, digital camcorders, home automation and telephones as well as short-distance communications between cellular phones."

Using the technology, personal organizers and computers in the same room or home could sync up every few hours with no action required. Internet access can be shared on every screen in the house, and multi-player games can be held between children in different homes around a neighborhood.

Products in the pipeline include a digital camera that allows users to take a photo that can be sent automatically as a postcard through a cell phone connected to the Internet, and a terminal placed on the fridge that allows you to make a shopping list of food items that is then sent via the Internet to the supermarket for home delivery.

A smart teddy bear with voice recognition technology is also being developed. This can be equipped with a wireless connection to a PC, so that if a child asks the teddy a question, like "What time is it?", the computer can send the answer to the teddy, which will then give it as a voice message to the child.

Auto lessons for Net investors

New York (Bloomberg) — It sounds like an investor's dream: a new technology that will revolutionize society and bring riches to those companies aggressive and nimble enough to capitalize on it.

That's the lure for many investors as they scoop up shares of Amazon.com Inc., Yahoo! Inc. and the dozens of other companies that operate Internet sites, sell goods over the World Wide Web or provide services to such businesses.

Individual investors betting heavily on the Internet should remember that turning technological promise into investment gains is a dicey proposition.

Skeptics recall the mixed results from another innovation that changed society.

"If you go back to the 1920s, there were dozens of car manufacturing companies and then hundreds of suppliers to the car companies," said Marshall Front, managing director of Trees Front Associates Inc., a Chicago money manager that oversees \$1.5 billion. "Within five years, most of them were out of business."

The market for cars doubled between 1919 and 1923, and then growth leveled off for the rest of the decade, said David Lewis, a professor of business history at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. "There just wasn't enough room for all of these companies, and they fell," he said.

The number of auto makers in the US slipped from 56 in 1926 to 13 in 1929, and many of those were wiped out in the Depression, Lewis said.

The latest catalog from R.M. Smythe & Co. illustrates the pitfalls. The New York-based company sells stock and bond certificates as collectibles, and the first five pages of its catalog offers shares of such once-promising investments as Drexel Motor Car, Emerson Motors and Lincoln Motors, now mere footnotes in stock market history.

Many were taken over by other companies "but many were just allowed to completely founder by the side of the road, as it were," said Diana Herzog, the president of R.M. Smythe. "In years to come we may have Internet certificates that we may sell as collectibles."

Lincoln Motors sold \$6.5 million of stock in three hours during World War I after the company won a government contract to build airplane engines. The war ended soon after Lincoln got the contract, though, and it couldn't compete in the luxury automobile business. Lincoln went into receivership and was sold to Ford Motor Co. in 1922, Lewis said.

Investors snapped up \$1.5 million worth of Emerson Motors shares in 1916, betting that the venture between Imperial Motor Co. and auto industry executive

MARKETWATCH

By Phil Serafin

Robert C. Hupp would succeed in its effort to build a better Model T that cost less. Only 69 cars were built in the first few months. The company went bust and its stockbrokers were convicted of fraud.

Many investors already have experienced the pain of speculating on the wrong Internet stocks.

CDNow Inc., which sells compact disks over the World Wide Web, is down 49 percent from its April 14 high, hurt by growing competition and expectations it will lose money at least through 2000.

OnSale Inc. is down 64 percent from its high on November 27. The online auctioneer soared 354 percent in two weeks in November as individual investors snapped up shares in a frenzy over online retailers. The stock gave up most of those gains the following week as the reality sank in that the company wouldn't be profitable any time soon.

Spysglass Inc., which created one of the first Web browsers for personal computers, shed 80 percent of its market value in the past three years as it lost market share to Netscape Communications Corp. and Microsoft Corp., and then tried to shift to making other types of software.

For active traders, such declines

go with the territory.

They simply bail out of a stock at the first sign that it isn't going up.

That doesn't mean long-term investors should give up on making money on the Internet. The key is to avoid concentrating too much of a portfolio on such highly speculative companies.

Front, for example, owns shares of Cisco Systems Inc., the No. 1 maker of equipment that links computers into networks, and EMC Corp., which makes equipment and software to store data in corporate networks. These companies benefit from the growth of the Web, yet have broader businesses that will allow them to prosper even in a shakeout of the Internet industry.

Another strategy would be to buy a basket of online stocks that includes the leaders in several different parts of the industry.

"What one would hope is your winner goes up at least 10 times, and that you make money on at least some of the others," said Michelle Clayman, chief executive of New Amsterdam Partners LLC in New York, which oversees \$825 million. "You also have to recognize that there are some that could very well not be around" in the future. Clayman, who only buys companies with growing earnings, doesn't own any pure Internet businesses.

One problem with her strategy for individual investors is the cost

of buying shares of so many companies. There are options on indexes of Internet stocks that allow investors to bet on the direction of the industry, though there's not much of a market for those contracts and the prices swing a lot, so they are expensive, said Scott Fullman, chief options strategist at Swiss American Securities Inc. in New York.

The basket approach wouldn't have worked with auto companies because "too few survived," said Lewis of the University of Michigan. "You could have bought a great many companies, but so many of them failed."

Internet companies face similarly high odds, according to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. "Undoubtedly some of these small companies ... are going to succeed," Greenspan told the Senate Budget Committee last month. "The vast majority are almost sure to fail." Internet stocks are being driven higher by a get-rich-quick mentality, he said.

Front worries that the mania for Internet stocks is an irrational "bubble," and that too many investors will have to learn all over again the lessons of the auto industry in the 1920s.

"I truly believe that you're going to see an ugly, ugly outcome to this," said Front. "Many people who have made a lot of money are going to find out that it's a two-way street."

User Friendly

By David Shamah

Dropchute

Recently I tried to help a photographer friend of mine send a picture as an e-mail attachment to a graphic designer. The size of the file was about 1mb — not really huge as e-mail attachments go. After what seemed like an eternity, it still hadn't finished uploading — at which point we got frustrated enough to decide to send the file on a floppy disk.

Too bad we didn't have a copy of Dropchute from Hilgraves Software (www.dropchute.com). This program cuts right to the chase: it instantly delivers files to the recipient's computer without going through a mail server, whether the recipient's computer is on or not, and lets you chat and even have a conversation at the same time!

When you send an e-mail attachment your file gets uploaded to your service provider's computer; the recipient then picks it up when they download their mail. If your service provider's mail server is busy, and has many people using it for their own e-mail attachments, Internet connections or whatever, you will notice a decrease in upload speed, no matter how fast your modem is. If it's a large file, it could take a while to upload; and then the recipient has to download it onto their computer, which could also take a while. Sounds like a lot of wasted time? It is.

But Dropchute does it differently: it makes your computer the mail server. You set up the recipient's icon, and specify their computer's Internet address, or you can send directly to their computer through a modem connection, bypassing all Internet servers altogether. Dropchute will look for either connection, and if the recipient's connection (whether modem or Internet) is on, it will start sending the files.

You save time because there's only one file transfer going on (as opposed to e-mail uploads and downloads), and it's a direct transfer. And, unlike e-mail, the files arrive intact; you don't have to decode strange-looking Unix formats. What you send is what they'll get.

Now, a direct modem connection might be faster than e-mail for large files, but it's also more expensive; after all, one of the charms of the Internet is being able to communicate with people all over the world for the price of a local phone call.

Dropchute's solution is a revolutionary feature called **Internet Rendezvous**. With Internet Rendezvous, you keep connection time to the absolute minimum required. Dropchute will keep dialing the recipient's modem until there is a connection. When the recipient is online, Dropchute will connect, check the computer's Internet address, hang up both modems, reconnect via the Internet and start sending the files; when the file is sent, it will take both computers offline again. You are online only for the time required to send or receive the file, so you don't pay extra for telephone or ISP connect charges.

And if the connection falls in the middle of transmission, don't worry: Dropchute will resume sending when the recipient's computer goes back on-line, continuing the upload where it left off. And, since you're connected anyway, both users can use the chat feature to send written messages to each other, or, if you have a microphone/speaker, actually talk to each other.

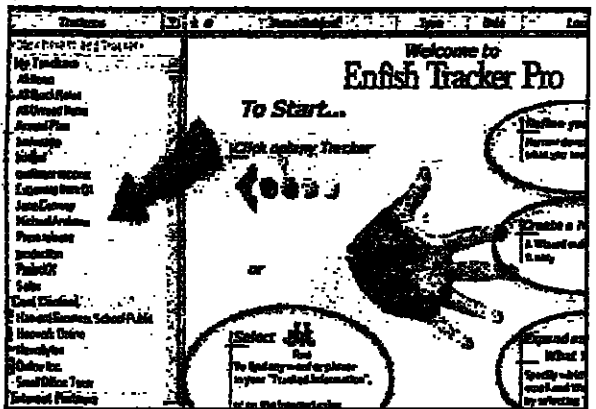
Did I mention that this communications marvel is free? Dropchute Lite, which allows file transfer and chat or conversation, is free. Dropchute Pro, which adds data encryption for secure transmission, virus detection, and automatic e-mail confirmation receipts, is free for 60 days, afterwards \$99.95.

Dropchute can be downloaded at www.dropchute.com. Requires Windows 95, 98, or NT and 8 mb of RAM.

Enfish - The Information Butler

How big is your hard drive? 1 gig? 2 gig? If you've bought a new computer in the last few months, you might have a 4 gig hard drive — or bigger! Any idea of how many documents, e-mails, programs and websites you can stuff into 4 gigs of space?

I shudder to even think about what the number would be.



The Enfish Tracker interface - like a Web search engine

And how do you find anything once it gets buried in the information avalanche which is your hard drive? Clearly it's a job for... well, a computer, but one equipped with Enfish Tracker Pro.

Tracker Pro utilizes trackers to search through information on your hard drive. A tracker is sort of a heading under which information can be organized. When you install the program, Tracker Pro reads through the files on your drive, looking for key words and ideas. For example, when I set mine up, I got a list that included "web sites," "Quark documents," "Jerusalem Post," "Tutorials" — you get the idea.

Once the program is set up, you can insert your own trackers. Each tracker can have as many references as necessary; for example, if you want to organize the bookkeeping files for a business, you could set the tracker up with terms like "bookkeeping," "taxes," "account," names of the people involved, etc. When you want to display information, you highlight the tracker name and begin a search. You can choose to display all relevant files, or just certain kinds, like e-mail, text documents or graphics.

Tracker Pro searches your hard drive for relevant references and loads them up in a window. You then click on the file to open it. Thanks to its translation component, you can display any file in this manner, even if you don't have the program required to open the file. In other words, the Tracker Pro will find information and documents for you that you didn't even know you had, that you couldn't look at even if you knew they were there.

And, like a good search engine, Tracker Pro will display related references from the trackers list. For example, if you open a picture of a house, related references like "furniture" or "real estate agents" will be displayed if you have them set up in your trackers list. As new information is added to your hard drive, whether from the Internet, e-mail or documents that you create, Tracker Pro updates your tracker's profile each time you conduct a search.

In a way, a program like this really does a disservice — it makes it OK for you to be disorganized! Actually, Tracker Pro really is one of those programs that make you think that the computer revolution really was all worth it — it does exactly the kind of thing that computers were supposed to do in the first place — make it easy to get at information.

Enfish Tracker Pro, shareware, free for 45 days, \$79.95 afterwards. Requires Pentium w/16 mb RAM, Windows 95, and 50 mb disk space. Available at <http://www.enfish.com/>.

Dogz and Catz

As any modern-day father raised on *The Brady Bunch* will tell you, it's important to teach your kids responsibility. And what better way is there to teach responsibility than to make your kids responsible for something. Specifically, a pet.

This method of responsibility-training is very popular among many of my neighbors. I, too, thought that getting my kids a pet would be a character-builder. Unfortunately, I was outvoted by the rest of the family. So I got us some virtual pets — both a dog and a cat. Specifically, **Dogz and Catz**.

I started out with a virtual Dalmatian puppy. These dogs have been a favorite of mine, and one of the few I can easily identify (thanks to Disney). My little puppy arrived on my desktop and immediately wanted to be fed — so I went to the virtual refrigerator and took out some ground beef, for a "welcome to the world" celebration. I could leave the dry dog food for tomorrow.

And then it wanted to go out for a "walk!" Well, if you think a virtual pet is any cleaner than a real one, think again. I forgot to take Spot out for his 5:00 one day, and he "took care of business" on top of a page I was designing. The mess actually gave me some inspiration, and I came up with a whole new look for the page.

My kids loved the virtual dog, unlike some of the real dogs on our street. But the character building wasn't working. They would play with the dog and try to teach it tricks, but when it came to feeding and walking, well, that always seemed to be just at the time when *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* came on. So guess who got stuck with the job?

So I decided to send Spot off to another home where he would get the love and attention he needed. Having neglected too many Tamaguchis to death, I didn't think my conscience could handle having to bury my beloved Spot. The cat was no help either; she was always scratching to get in during the day, when my computer is usually turned off. When I was working at home, at night, she was nowhere to be found — probably rummaging around my desktop trash can, or hanging out at the Starkist Tuna website (www.starkist.com).

So here I am again, petless but wiser. I do miss Spot, but I'm sure he's got a better home than anything I could have ever provided. Now, when I get lonely, I turn on my MOPy Fish Screen Saver, and beautiful tropical fish fill my screen. It hasn't completely replaced the dog, but the cat sure is happy.

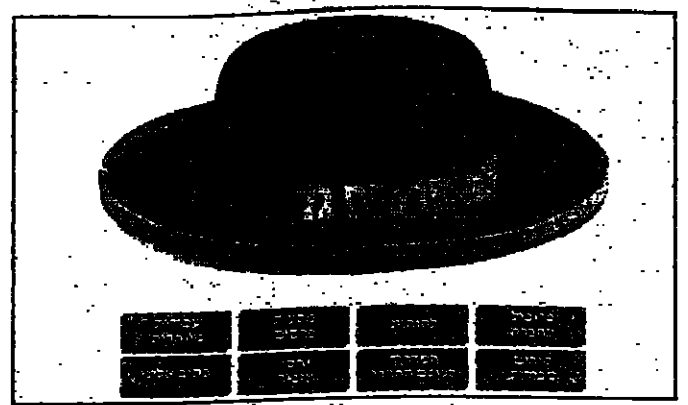
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The Gal-BSD advertisement agency has launched a guide-for-the-perplexed Internet site aimed at leading non-haredi business people through the haredi world. Replete with anything and everything from Hassidic stories to a prayer for the advertiser, www.gal-bad.co.il is laden with pie charts, diagrams, graphs and data describing haredi residential concentrations, kosherness providers and consumerist preferences.

Nice Systems, a leading provider of digital recording and quality management solutions, has announced two leading appointments for its North American marketing and sales divisions.

Ted Mooney, who joined Nice Systems in 1995 as VP and general manager, is to oversee the development of marketing programs, strategic alliances and business development. He brings over 15 years experience in sales and marketing in the digital logging and monitoring industry.

Mark Pacelli is to lead Nice's sales division to expand and increase relationships with partners and customers.

Pacelli was the founder and CEO of IBS Corporation, a call-center software company acquired by Nice in 1998.

The headquarters of Nice Systems are in Ra'anana.

Radguard, a pioneer and leader in the secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) market, has announced the opening of the IPsec Developers Forum, a web-based medium for testing IPsec interoperability among different VPN vendors.

The new forum will serve as a meeting ground for companies that make up the VPN industry, allowing them to discuss their independent efforts to comply with the developing IPsec standard.

Its aim is to foster cooperation among VPN vendors in the hope that, by working together, they will help speed industry-wide acceptance of IPsec.

As part of the forum, RADGUARD, which is based in Tel Aviv, will make available its International Computer Security Association (ICSA) certified cIPro-VPN device for the testing.

Aside from allowing certified IPsec vendors to check the implementation of updates to the standard, the forum will also allow companies in the process of developing IPsec solutions to test interoperability with vendors of mature products. This will allow new players to evaluate the success of their efforts.

"For IPsec to be standardized, the industry's VPN vendors must develop ways to assess product interoperability on a regular basis," said Dr. Sara Bitan, RADGUARD's CTO. "The forum will allow companies throughout the world to evaluate the compatibility of their systems in a cost-effective manner."

Tecnomatix Technologies, a pioneer and leader of computer-aided production engineering (CAPE), has announced that its CAPE products played an important role in the development of the Rover Group's new executive car, the Rover 75.

Since the start of 1998, Rover has used an increasing number of Tecnomatix products in its manufacturing process.

These include: Dynamo, to dynamically package components into assemblies, define

insertion and extraction paths for parts, and check service and maintenance procedures before the first prototype is built; Valisys tolerance analysis software to study the assembly process and assess critical areas; and ROBCAD to design, simulate and optimize critical manufacturing processes and ergonomic studies.

During the process of developing the Rover 75, 500 electronic-build design reviews were undertaken and over 750 problems were highlighted and rectified by the process, saving Rover both time and money.



Joshua Maor (above) is the new chairman of the board of the Israel Technology and Science Association. Maor, who has a BA in mathematics and physics and an MBA from the Hebrew University, is a former chairman of the board of IBM Israel. Maor, who was associated with IBM from 1979 to 1997, held a series of senior positions with the company until he resigned in order to get involved in a number of advanced science and technology projects. He currently sits on the boards of Tel Aviv University and the Haifa Technion and is chairman of the executive board of the Weizmann Institute.

Paradigm Geophysical has been awarded a \$2.3 million contract to process 1,100 sq. miles of seismic data in the Gulf of Mexico.

The company, which specializes in integrated computer-aided exploration software systems and provides seismic data processing and interpretation services to oil and gas companies, will provide pre-stack migration using its Focus and Power products.

It will work on the contract with Texas company Rock Solid Images.

Paradigm also announced that it has arranged a global financing facility of \$12 million to fund an ongoing expansion policy. The money has been provided by Bank Hapoalim and the Israel Industrial Development Bank and will cover the capital investments and working capital requirements needed for the expansion.

The move comes after an unsuccessful IPO on NASDAQ in June last year when the company failed to raise enough money for the planned expansion. Brian Berman, CFO at Paradigm, which recently announced record revenues of \$45.5 million for 1998, blamed the failure on market conditions.

"This facility provides us with the balance of the financial resources we had initially planned to raise through the IPO," he said.

In the last six months Paradigm has carried out a number of expansion projects worldwide, including the purchase of a new supercomputer for its Houston operations, the establishment of a service center in Argentina and the expansion of service capacity in London. www.paradimgco.com.

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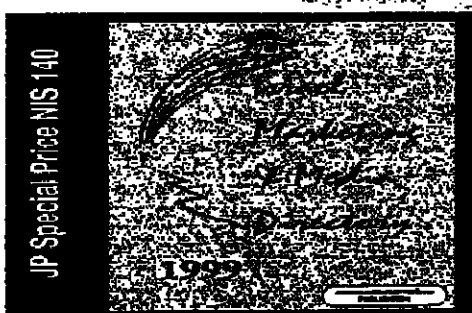
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Spurs overcome Iverson and Sixers



PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Malik Rose scored a career-high 22 points and the San Antonio Spurs overcame a 46-point performance by Allen Iverson to beat Philadelphia 76ers 98-94 Friday night.

Rose, playing in his hometown before a large group of family and friends, shot 10-for-12 from the field to give the Spurs snap a three-game losing streak. The 76ers lost for the first time after opening the season 3-0.

San Antonio won despite a horrible foul shooting performance and a below-average night from David Robinson and Tim Duncan.

Iverson, who tied Grant Hill for the most points in an NBA game this season, was 14-for-26 from the field and 15-for-17 at the line. He fell four points shy of his career high, set as a rookie in 1996-97.

Nuggets 100, Mavericks 94. Nick Van Exel scored 27 points and Antonio McDyess added 23 as the first time in five games this season.

Van Exel, who was 3-for-19 from the field in Wednesday's loss to the Lakers, was 10-for-18 against the Mavericks, including 4-for-7 on 3-pointers.

McDyess hit his first five shots and finished 9-for-13 as the Nuggets gave coach Mike

D'Antoni his first victory. D'Antoni replaced Bill Hanzlik after Denver posted an NBA-worst 11-71 record last year.

Michael Finley scored 28 points for Dallas, which lost for the second straight night.

Jazz 97, Warriors 81. Karl Malone scored a season-high 35 points as the unbeaten Utah Jazz extended the best start in their 25-year history.

Shandon Anderson had 12 points and Jeff Hornacek added 11 for visiting Utah, which improved to 5-0 with its ninth straight win over Golden State.

Tony Delk and Terry Cummings each scored 16 points for Golden State, which fell to 0-5.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	4	1	.800	—
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Miami	2	2	.500	2 1/2
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Washington	1	3	.250	2 1/2

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Atlanta	4	1	.800	—
Detroit	3	2	.600	1
Indianapolis	3	2	.600	1
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2
Chicago	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Charlotte	1	4	.200	3

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San Antonio	3	2	.600	1
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Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	3	2	.600	—
San Antonio	3	2	.600	—
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Northwest Division

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Portland	3	2	.600	—
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Phoenix	3	2	.600	—
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Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	3	2	.600	—
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Holon looks to upset Hap. Jerusalem

By ELI GRONER

Two days before its Saporta Cup rematch with Joventut Badaona, Hapoel Jerusalem visits Holon to take on the National Basketball League's third place team (Channel 5, 20:45).

Jerusalem asked Holon management to play last night — in order to give itself more time to travel to Spain and prepare — but the Holon brass refused, citing the revenue it will generate from tonight's broadcast.

Tonight is only the second time all season that Holon — the league's most surprising team — will be on television. Unfortunately, though, Holon hasn't handled its new-found status as one of the league's best teams very well. Earlier this season, when nobody expected much from Eli Kanemi's club, Holon reeled off upset after upset. But Holon has struggled recently, losing two of its last three games (Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa).

Much of its sloppy play of late can be attributed to the recent roster makeover: New foreigner Nate Higgs isn't entirely comfortable with his teammates yet, and his role is still unclear. In addition, Greg Sutton has been in a month-long slump, and the team's over-dependence on him has

been costly. But if Holon comes out focused, it is capable of continuing the turnaround it began in last week's win over Rishon LeZion.

After Jerusalem cruised to three consecutive wins without injured point guard H. Waldman, his absence was finally felt on Wednesday when Jerusalem struggled before picking up an eight-point victory over Badaona at Ma'ha. If Jerusalem takes the floor in Holon tonight while looking ahead to Tuesday's Saporta Cup contest, Holon just might give Eli Birnbaum's club a loss it wasn't expecting.

Other games tonight: Galil Elyon v. Ramat Gan, Maccabi Ra'anana v. Givat Shmuel, Bnei Herzliya v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Hapoel Eilat v. Maccabi Haifa, Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Maccabi Rishon.

Orange Basketball League

	W	L	Pts
Ramat Jerusalem	16	1	33
Maccabi Tel Aviv	16	4	30
Hapoel Holon	11	6	28
Maccabi Haifa	9	8	26
Galil Elyon	8	9	25
Ramat Gan	8	9	25
Ramat Gan	7	10	24
Maccabi Haifa	7	10	24
Bnei Herzliya	6	11	23
Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	13	21
Givat Shmuel	4	13	21

Stransky furthers England claims

LONDON (Reuters) — Former Springbok fly-half Joel Stransky said yesterday he would love to play for England in this year's World Cup and then proved his worth by masterminding title-chasing Leicester's 31-10 win over London Irish.

Stransky kicked seven penalties from eight attempts as the Tigers subdued third-placed Irish at Welford Road and confirmed their place at the top of the first division.

"I'd love to play for England and would be honored to be considered," said Stransky who kicked South Africa's winning drop goal in the 1995 World Cup final.

Stransky will qualify for England just four weeks before the World Cup kicks off in Wales in October because he has an English-born grandfather and last played for South Africa three years ago.

He said: "Life moves on, and for me and my family that has meant coming to England, settling here and making it our home."

Capitals win streak at six; Predators continue road run



EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Jan Bulis and Steve Konowalchuk scored power-play goals 2:12 apart in the second period and the Washington Capitals won their sixth straight game, 3-2 over the slumping New Jersey Devils on Friday night.

Olaf Kolzig made 26 saves and Peter Bondra scored his 10th goal in the streak, which is the Capitals' longest since winning that many in the fall of 1993.

Lytle Odelein and Denis Pederson scored for New Jersey, which is winless in its last five at home (0-4-1), including three straight losses.

Predators 2, Islanders 1. Mike Dunham made 40 saves and Cliff Ronning and Sergei Krivokrasov each scored goals to lead Nashville.

Dunham turned aside 15 shots in the third period as the visiting Predators won for the third time in their last five road games (3-1-1).

Trevor Linden scored the only goal for the Islanders, who are winless in their last three games.

Hurricanes 3, Rangers 1

Anurs Irbe made 30 saves and Curtis Leschyshyn scored his second goal of the season to help the visiting Carolina Hurricanes beat the New York Rangers 3-1.

Sami Kapanen and Bates Battaglia also scored for the first-place Hurricanes, who are 5-2-2 in their last nine games and moved six points ahead of Florida in the Southeast Division.

Brian Leetch scores the only goal for the Rangers.

Red Wings 2, Blackhawks 1

In Chicago, Larry Murphy snapped a tie with a power-play goal at 5:16 of the third period as Detroit won its third straight.

The Blackhawks, who have lost seven games in a row and are 0-7-1 in their last eight outings.

Murphy scored the game-winner when he took a pass in the slot from Sergei Fedorov and fired the puck past goaltender Jocelyn Thibault from 30 feet out to make it 2-1.

Detroit goaltender Chris Osgood blocked 25 of 26 Blackhawks shots and made a game-saving, point-blank stop on Chicago's Eric Daze with 3:35 remaining.

Flames 4, Bruins 3

Host Calgary's Jarome Iginla capped a frenzied final few minutes, scoring the winning goal with 3.4 seconds left.

Sixty-one seconds after Boston's Joe Thornton tied the game, Flames defenseman Derek Morris' slap shot from the blue line was tipped past goaltender Byron Dafoe by Iginla.

Calgary won its third straight and moved within two points of the Edmonton Oilers for the final play-off spot in the Western Conference.

Cory Stillman led the Flames with a goal and two assists.

Denis Gauthier and Valeri Bure each had a goal and Theo Fleury chipped in with two assists.

Jason Allison had a goal and two assists for the Bruins.

Sergei Samonov also scored and Ray Bourque had three assists.

Stars 3, Mighty Ducks 2. In Anaheim, California, Jamie

Langenbrunner and Brett Hull scored 1-2 minutes apart in the third period to break open a tie game as Dallas extended its road unbeaten streak to six games.

Jere Lehtinen scored on a power play in the first period, Sergei Zubov had two assists and Ed Belfour made 26 saves for the Stars, who ended Anaheim's four-game winning

streak.

The victory gave Dallas a two-point lead over the Philadelphia Flyers in the race for the NHL's best record.

Guy Hebert made 26 saves for the Ducks and assisted on the tying goal by Teemu Selanne during a two-man advantage in the final minute of the second period.

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Rodman to sign with Lakers - report

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Dennis Rodman, known for his dyed hair and cross-dressing as well as his ferocious defense and rebounding, has decided to play for the Los Angeles Lakers, the *Los Angeles Times* reported yesterday.

Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman of International Creative Management, has been negotiating with the team for the past two weeks. Talks became sidetracked for a week while they discussed a possible movie deal with Fox, which holds an option to buy into the Lakers as a 10 percent partner.

Rodman, the NBA's seven-time rebounding champ and the league's most flamboyant player, has agreed to play for the Lakers' minimum of \$1 million - pro-rated to \$600,000 for this lockout-shortened season, sources told the *Times* in a story published yesterday.

He will also earn \$3 million from an endorsement contract with Converse, the *Times* said.

The Lakers denied the story. "We have not signed him," John Black, the team's director of public relations, said today. "We have nothing to report." The 2.04-meter forward, the NBA's top rebounder in each of the last seven seasons, was laying low at his Newport Beach home before finally agreeing to meet with Lakers officials on Thursday.

Phone calls left for Lakers spokesman John Black and Rodman's representatives at ICM were not returned late Friday.

Rodman, who turns 38 in May, has played on five of the last 10 NBA champions, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

Wilkinson could stay England coach until end of season

LONDON (Reuters) - Howard Wilkinson is expected to remain as England coach until the end of this season when Kevin Keegan could take over on a permanent basis.

British newspapers said yesterday that Wilkinson did not want the England job on a long-term basis and wished to return to being technical director, a post which could be given more influence under a proposed reform of the Football Association.

The FA may ask Keegan, manager of second division Fulham, to support Wilkinson at this season's European championship qualifiers, starting with the game against Poland on March 27.

But their primary aim is to secure Keegan's services at the end of a season in which Fulham, currently top of their division, could win promotion.

The FA is expected to make an announcement by Wednesday as to who will succeed Glenn Hoddle, who was sacked on February 2 for saying disabled people were paying for the view of a former life.

Geoff Thompson, acting chairman of the FA, appeared equivocal about Keegan, who is the bookmaker's favorite to become England coach, in an interview in the *Daily Telegraph*.

He agreed that the presence of the former Newcastle United boss would inspire the England players before the Poland game but appeared to doubt whether Keegan, 48 on Sunday, could handle the pressure of the job.

Asked whether a Keegan era as coach might end in tears rather than trophies, Thompson said: "Yes. You may be right."

Thompson said the FA would only turn to a foreign coach if it was "not possible" to appoint an Englishman. He stressed that the integrity of the new coach could well be his most important quality after the Hoddle debacle and the legal storm that swirled around Hoddle's predecessor, Terry Venables.

"He's got to be the best available coach at international level. He's got to be a good manager as well," said Thompson.

"And he's got to have integrity. We're under the microscope."

You can't have the first two without the third because eventually the third over-rides them - as we've seen in the past.

"How many parts would Keegan fit into? He'd fit into a few, wouldn't he? Kevin Keegan will be a very good candidate but there are many others who could be very good candidates."

Thompson backed up comments by French players after France's 2-0 defeat of England on Wednesday that the English players showed little heart in the second half of the Wembley game.

"I couldn't believe it. The first half they were chasing everything, really wanting to work hard. The second half...I don't know what happened. I don't know what the team talk was like," he said.



Glenn McGrath and one-day captain Shane Warne hold the winners' trophy after Australia demolished England in the second of the best-of-three finals in Melbourne yesterday. (Reuters)

Aussies complete double triumph over England

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - Australia completed a season of triumph over England yesterday by emphatically winning the triangular limited overs series 2-0 to add to their 3-1 Ashes victory.

With fast bowler Glenn McGrath again playing a telling role, Australia won the second day-night match in the best-of-three final by 162 runs to follow their 10-run success in the opening match in Sydney on Wednesday.

After making an imposing 272 for five from their 50 overs, Australia set England's first four wickets for 13 runs in the first four overs, eventually dismissing the touring side for 110 in 31.5 overs.

It was Australia's 12th triumph since the tri-series was first held 20 years ago.

England ended a disappointing tour by suffering their second heaviest one-day defeat, falling only two runs short of their worst loss, a 164-run mauling in the West Indies five years ago.

England never recovered from their disastrous start in which McGrath helped to trigger the collapse by capturing two wickets with consecutive balls.

McGrath, named joint man of the series with England's Graeme Hick, took two for 26 and Australian captain Shane Warne wrapped up the innings with three for 16 off 5.5 overs.

England's batsmen played as if their minds were already turning to home.

Opener Nick Knight (4) was the first to go, run out in a dreadful mix-up with captain Alec Stewart, before McGrath snail-baited Hick (0) and Nasser Hussain (0) in successive balls to have England reeling at 10 for three.

Paceman Adam Dale had Neil Fairbrother (0) caught behind in the next over and when Stewart skied Brendon Julian to Shane Lee at mid-off after making 32, England were 43 for five from 12 overs and their challenge was all but over.

Warne ensured there was no way back for the touring side by grabbing the wickets of Vince Wells (23), Mark Ealham (12) and Alan Mullally (9), making sure there would be no need to play the scheduled third final.

Earlier, Australian middle order batsman Darren Lehmann, left out of the squad for the forthcoming tour of West Indies, hammered 71 off 75 balls.

Lehmann, who was named man of the match, hurt his back while batting and was unable to field.

Damien Martyn (57) and Adam Gilchrist (52) also made valuable contributions to help steer Australia into a strong position losing Mark Waugh for one in the fifth over.

After Waugh's dismissal, Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting put on 81 for the second wicket before Ponting was caught by Fairbrother off Adam Hogg. His 37 came from 43 balls.

Twelve runs later Gilchrist followed, caught by Knight off off-spinner Robert Croft for an entertaining 52 from 64 balls to leave Australia at 104 for three.

Lehmann and Martyn then combined for Australia's best partnership, putting on 112 for the fourth wicket.

Martyn was missed on 55 by Hogg but was out soon after, bowled by Mullally in the 48th over.

Shane Lee finished the innings with a flourish, blasting two successive sixes off Mullally in the final over on his way to an unbeaten 20 off nine balls.

Australia: A Gilchrist c Knight b Croft 52, N Knight run out 1, R Ponting c Fairbrother b Hogg 37, D Lehmann c Hussain b Waugh 71, D Martyn b Mullally 20, S Lee not out 20. Extras (w-10 w-3 nb-1) 14. Total (for five wickets, 50 overs) 272. Fall of wickets: 1-11 2-92 3-104 4-216 5-344. Did not bat: B. Julian, S. Warne, A. Dale, G. Hick.

England: A. Stewart c Lee b Julian 4, A. Gilchrist c Knight b McGrath 0, N. Hussain c Gilchrist b McGrath 0, R. Ponting c Fairbrother b Hogg 37, D. Lehmann c Hussain b Waugh 71, D. Martyn b Mullally 20, S. Lee not out 20. Extras (w-10 w-3 nb-1) 14. Total (for five wickets, 50 overs) 272. Fall of wickets: 1-11 2-92 3-104 4-216 5-344. Did not bat: B. Julian, S. Warne, A. Dale, G. Hick.

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In the second half, Jerusalem had a good chance to equalize through Mohammed Salaman, who beat Dudu Awat but then shot straight at a Haifa defender who cleared off the line.

Haifa then rode out the match until the final whistle and another three points in the bag.

Bnei Yehuda 1, Ironi Ashdod 0

A crucial victory for hosts Bnei Yehuda has seen them rise above the relegation zone. A lone goal by Kobi Refuah on the hour did the damage.

Mac. Tel Aviv 2, Ironi Rishon 1

Maccabi Tel Aviv increased their winning streak to five with this victory over Rishon, who, as a result, sink into the relegation zone.

Andrej Koukba put Maccabi ahead two minutes before half-time when he ran into the area and beat Rishon goalkeeper Shaul Mizrahi from seven meters out.

Avi Nimni finally broke his penalty jinx in the 75th minute when he scored from the spot after three previous consecutive misses (two for Israel sandwiched by one for Maccabi).

Nimni was himself brought down in the area before burying his spot kick confidently into the back of Mizrahi's net.

Hap. PT 1, Zefirion Holon 1

A poor performance by Petah Tikva did little to bolster confidence in coach Giora Spiegel who was angered by a crowd which called for his resignation at the end of the match, and who during the match reminded Spiegel of Gabor Marton, the player he ousted from the club last month.

Walid Badir scored for Petah Tikva in the 63rd minute after receiving a perfect through ball.

Six minutes later, Petah Tikva were reduced to ten men when captain Benny Kozshvili was sent off for a second bookable offense when he fouled Oren Flusberg.

The resulting free kick was the cause of Holon's equalizer, scored by defender Benny Haddad who headed the ball into Shai Hess's goal.

Hapoel Beit She'an 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3

The bad feelings between the two clubs and their fans caused by Beit She'an's sudden capitulation against Be'er Jerusalem last season were not in evidence during this Friday encounter.

As in their last league outing against Hapoel Jerusalem, the struggling Beit She'an had their fair share of chances but found their guests too well organized.

Hapoel Tel Aviv registered their first goal on the quarter hour, with Assi Tubi punishing

the Beit She'an back line for momentary hesitation. In the 37th minute Shalom Tikva made it 2-0 with a goal that left the home fans seething, after Beit She'an's appeals for offside were waved away by the referee.

Midway through the second half Salim Tuama added Tel Aviv's third, and although Serhan Chulakov got on the scoresheet just before the end for Beit She'an, his team's cause had already evaporated.

Hap. Kfar Sava 3, Mac. PT 2

The "turnaround of the season" made this an unforgettable experience for Kfar Sava fans.

With just under an hour played and Maccabi leading 2-0 the Kfar Savans looked to be on their way to being thrashed. Then in the 59th minute Adrian Ungar pulled a goal back for Kfar Sava thanks to a fully committed in the Maccabi defense.

In the 67th minute the Sharon side struck again with Mario Masterovic finding goal from a 29-meter free kick. The magic act continued with Ungar finding goal again five minutes later with the decisive strike of the game.

Mac. Jaffa 1, Mac. Herzliya 2

Jaffa managed to claw back in to the game with a 41st-minute equalizer from Nidal Mahmid, only to then succumb to a late goal from Herzliya substitute Lior Asulin who scored within three minutes of coming on.

SPORTS

in brief

Yachstmen medal-bound

The Israeli yachting duo of Gidi Kliger and Udi Gal is heading for the silver medal with two races still to go in the 470 junior world championships off Auckland's Waitemata Harbor in New Zealand.

Kliger and Gal, the current European junior champions, have 20 points, 11 behind the leaders and six ahead of the third placed team.

In first place and en route to the gold are Poland's Tomasz Stanczyk and Tomasz Jakubiak with seven wins out of ten races.

The Israeli's scorecard reads 2, 2, 5, 2, 1, 8, 4, 1, 3, 6.

Another Polish pair, Rafel Sawicki and Piotr Przybylski are currently in third place.

Heather Chail

Messier injured, out for 4-6 weeks

VANCOUVER (AP) - Vancouver Canucks captain Mark Messier will be sidelined for 4-6 weeks after injuring his left knee in a loss to Pittsburgh.

Messier, second in Canucks scoring with 13 goals and 31 assists, was hurt Thursday in the 6-5 overtime loss to the Penguins when he colliding with defenseman Darius Kasparaitis.

Kasparaitis hit Messier near the Canucks bench and their knees appeared to collide. Messier lost his balance but remained on his skates and limped to the bench, but did not return to the game.

Payton's liver disease more acute

CHICAGO (AP) - Walter Payton's liver disease is progressing faster than expected, and private planes have been offered to speed him to the Mayo Clinic when a transplant becomes available, a spokeswoman says.

"The disease is progressing at a faster pace than anticipated," Susan Ward, a spokeswoman for Payton said Friday.

She said that if the urgency increases he may move up on the waiting list, "but he won't be moved up just because he's Walter Payton."

Several friends of the Chicago Bears great have offered their company planes so that he won't be bound by airline schedules and weather when doctors are ready to give him a new liver, Ward said.

She said that starting in three to four weeks the Hall of Fame running back will begin wearing a beeper to notify him immediately when a donated liver is ready and he must go to the clinic for the operation.

Pele's son to be tried for murder

SAO PAULO (AP) - The son of Brazilian soccer legend Pele is to be tried for murder, his lawyer says.

Pele's son, Edison Chelbi do Nascimento, 27, and Marcio Jose Marinho de Melo, 24, are accused of killing a motorcyclist by smashing into him when racing their cars. Vicente Cascione said Friday.

Pedro Simoes Neto, a 50-year-old retiree, was thrown from his motorcycle and killed in October 1992 in Santos, a port town 77 kilometers southeast of Sao Paulo, said Cascione.

Sampras to face Philippoussis at Sydney Open

SAN JOSE (Reuters) - Top seed Pete Sampras led three marquee names and one relative unknown into the semifinals of the \$350,000 Sydney Open in San Jose on Friday.

Third seed Mark Philippoussis of Australia, fourth seed Michael Chang and qualifier Cecil Mamiit joined Sampras in racing to quarter-final victories.

Chang defeated Norwegian Christian Rund 6-1 7-5 and will meet fellow American Mamiit, a 7-6 (7-5) 4-6 6-3 winner over Australian Mark Woodford.

Sampras played his best match of the tournament so far in subduing powerful Bernd Karbacher of Germany 7-5 6-3. Sampras again put on a vintage serving display, smacking 12 aces and winning 91 percent of his first-serve points. The 11-time Grand Slam winner has yet to face a break point in the event.

Prinosil, Rosset reach St. Petersburg final

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) - David Prinosil of Germany and Switzerland's Marc Rosset reached the finals of the St. Petersburg Open with semifinal victories yesterday.

Prinosil upset top-seed Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-2 in the semifinals and No. 2 Rosset advanced with a victory over his doubles partner and fourth-seeded Marat Safin of Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Prinosil, 25, will go after this third title on the ATP tour while Rosset will be chasing No. 13. Rosset was the runner-up last season in St. Petersburg.

FIFA clears English FA over cash for votes scandal

LONDON (AP) - Soccer's world governing body, FIFA, has cleared the English Football Association of acting improperly over the scandal that led to the resignations of chairman Keith Wiseman and chief executive Graham Kelly.

FIFA launched an inquiry after Wiseman and Kelly handed the Welsh Football Association a £3.2 million grant. The grant was handed over without the knowledge of the rest of the FA executive and was interpreted by the media as a bid to gain the Welsh vote for Wiseman in a FIFA election.

Officials of FIFA spoke to representatives from both the FA and the Welsh FA at the end of January and announced on Friday that the matter was now considered closed.

"The two associations involved were asked to submit a report to FIFA on what happened," a FIFA spokesman said. FIFA have found that there were no incorrect or improper actions that would warrant further investigation.

"The case is now closed as far as FIFA is concerned," FIFA announcement comes as a rare piece of good news for English soccer which is in turmoil after last week's firing of coach Glenn Hoddle and the emergence of a betting scandal in which floodlights have been sabotaged to halt Premier League games.

2 Malaysians, Hong Kong man in court over floodlight scam

LONDON (AP) - In the latest scandal to rock English soccer, three men working for a suspected Asian gambling syndicate appeared in court on Friday on charges of attempting to sabotage floodlights at a Premier League soccer stadium.

Two Malaysians and one man from Hong Kong were arrested on Wednesday night along with a British man at Charlton Athletic's stadium. The Valley, after allegedly breaking in and tampering with electrical equipment connected to the floodlights.

"Football it appears may have been the intended victim of an outside attack," Football Association acting executive director David Davies said. "That attack has been thwarted for which we're all very grateful."

Scotland Yard has been investigating a betting scam, reportedly involving gambling syndicates in Malaysia, in which huge amounts of money are staked on soccer scores.

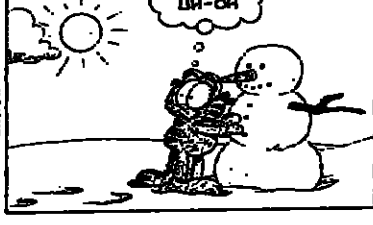
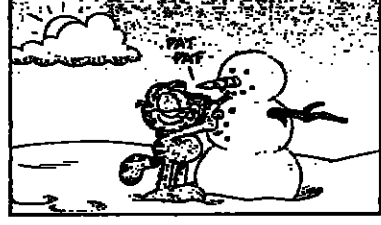
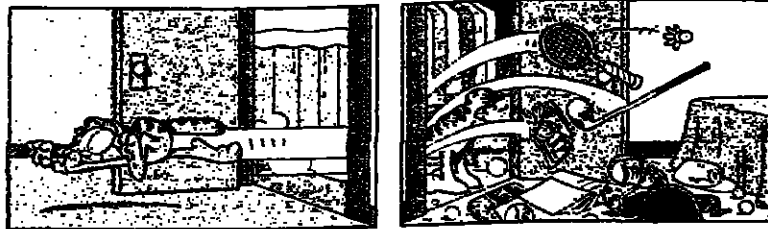
In Malaysia, though not in Britain, money can be won even if the game is abandoned through floodlight failure as long as the match goes past half-time.

The FA has given the police details of three Premier League games which were halted by floodlight failures soon after half-time. The games were Wimbledon vs. Arsenal at Selhurst Park, Derby vs. Wimbledon at Pride Park and West Ham vs. Crystal Palace at Upton Park - all in 1997.

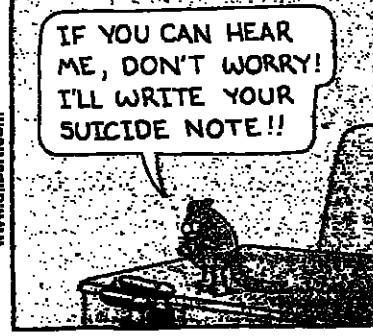
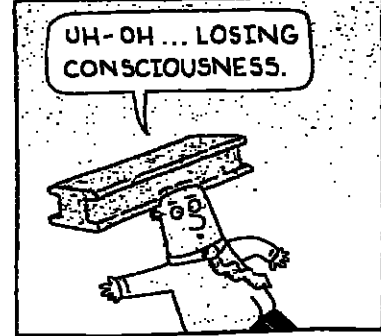
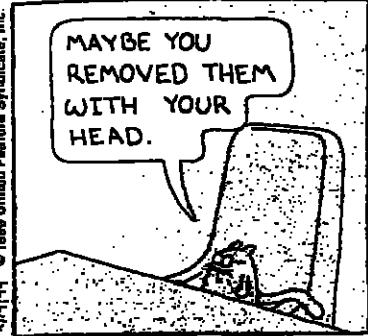
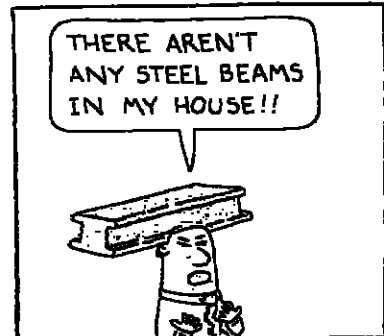
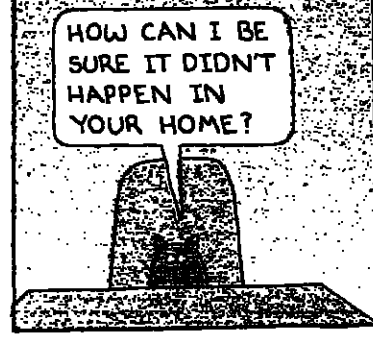
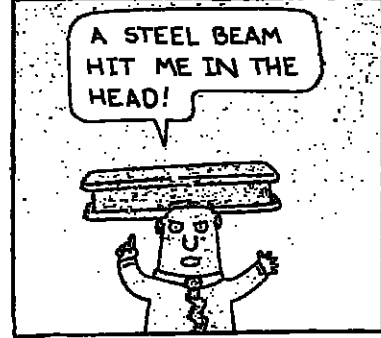
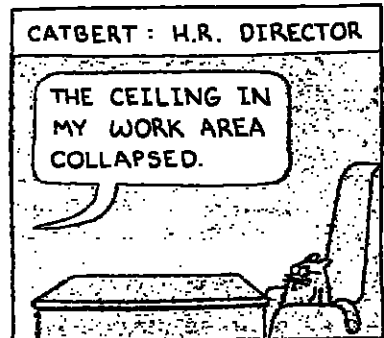
The three men who appeared in court in central London were Chee Kow Ong, age 49, a manager from Paddington, west London; Wai Yuen Liu, 37, a car salesman from Kensington, west London; and Eng Hwa Lim, 35, an electronics engineer also from Paddington. Ong and Lim are Malaysian and Liu is from Hong Kong.

They were all remanded in custody until February 19 charged with "deception relating to betting and possessing devices to damage or destroy the electrical supply at Charlton in a manner which could endanger life."

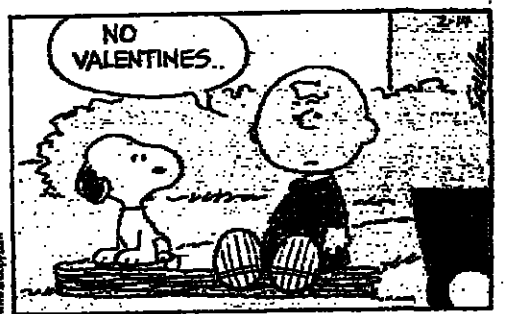
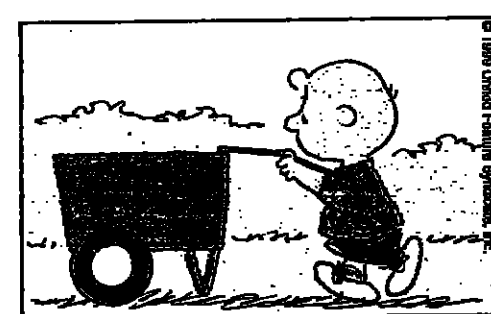
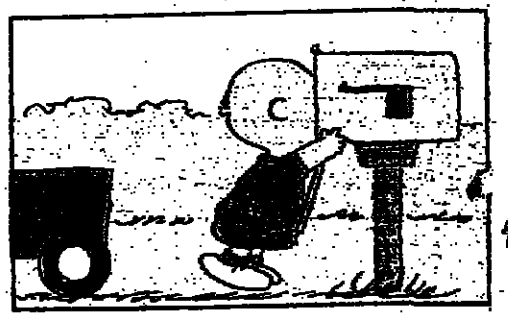
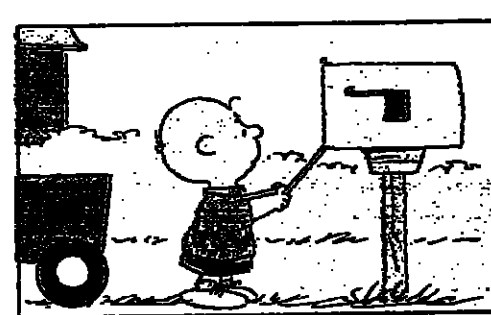
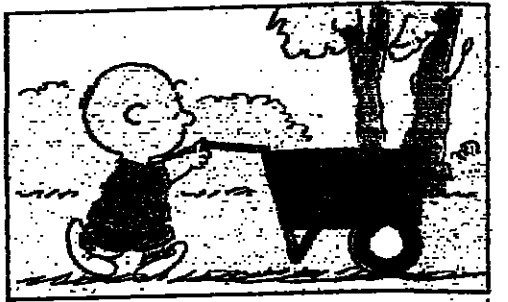
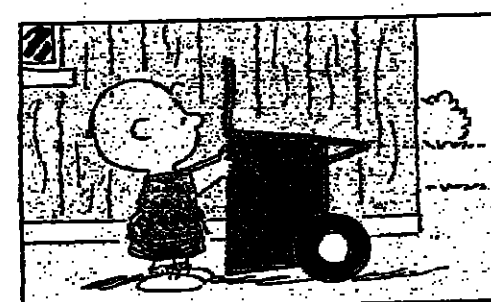
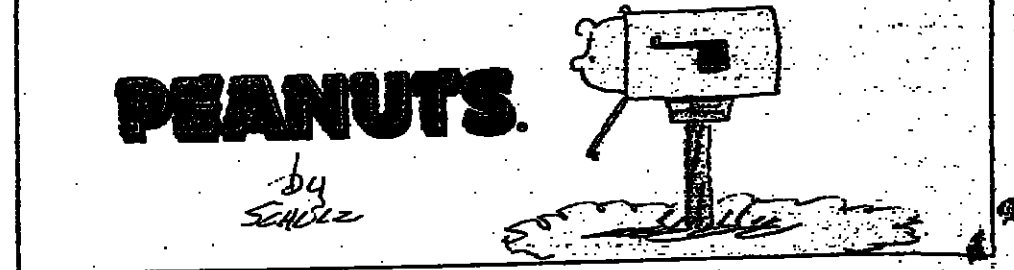
The fourth man, who is British, was released on police bail without charge. His name was not released.



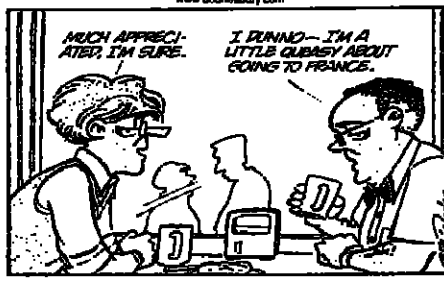
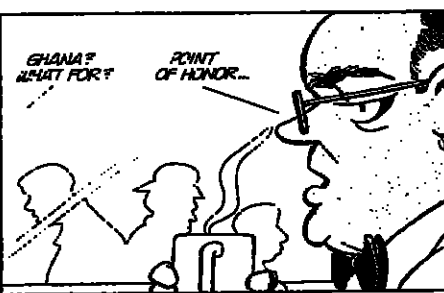
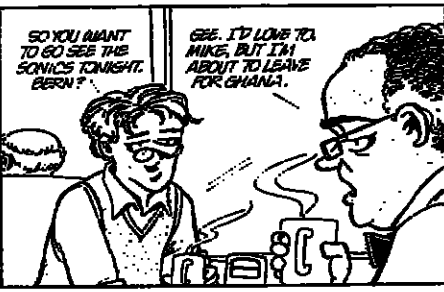
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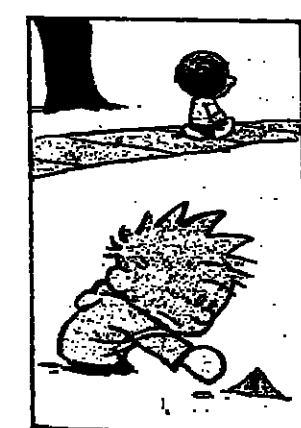
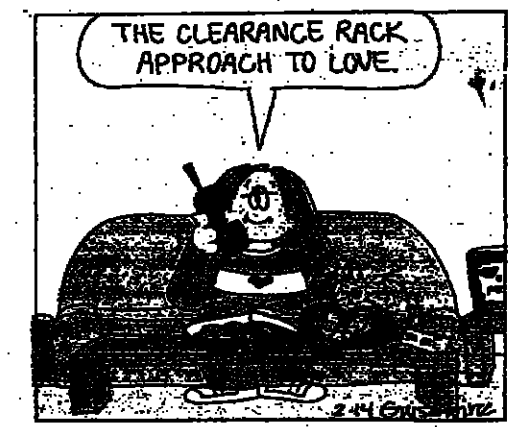
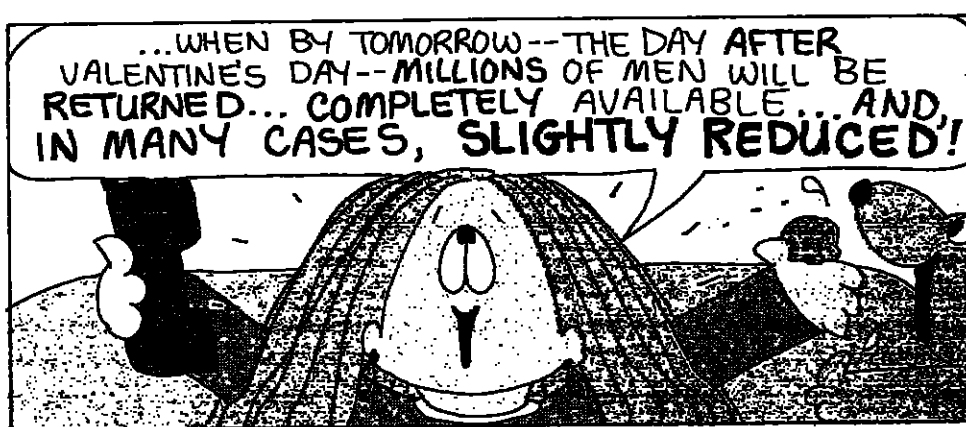
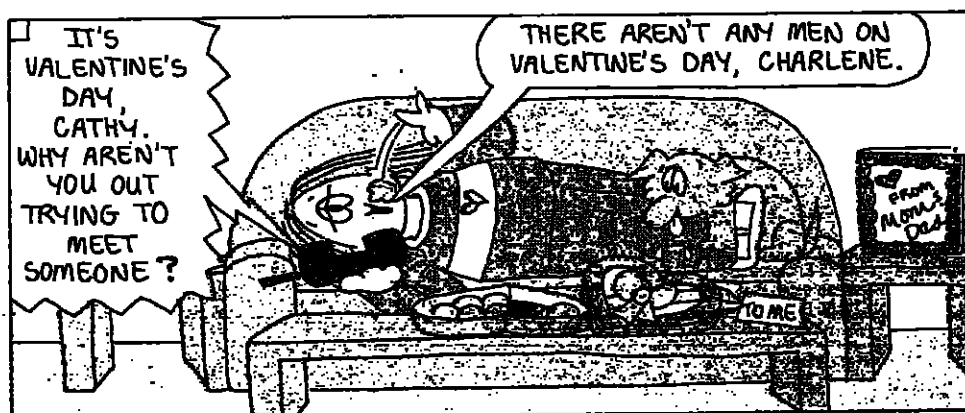
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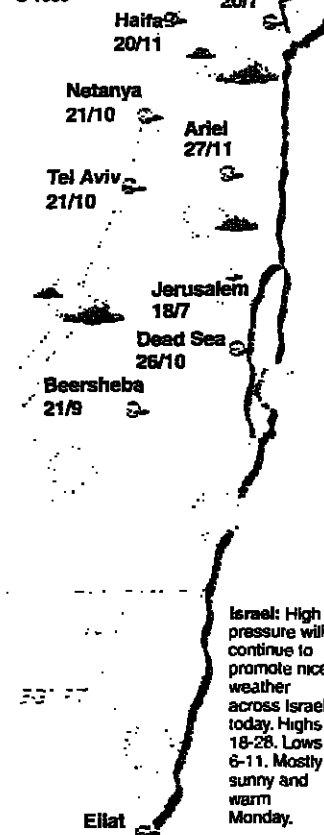
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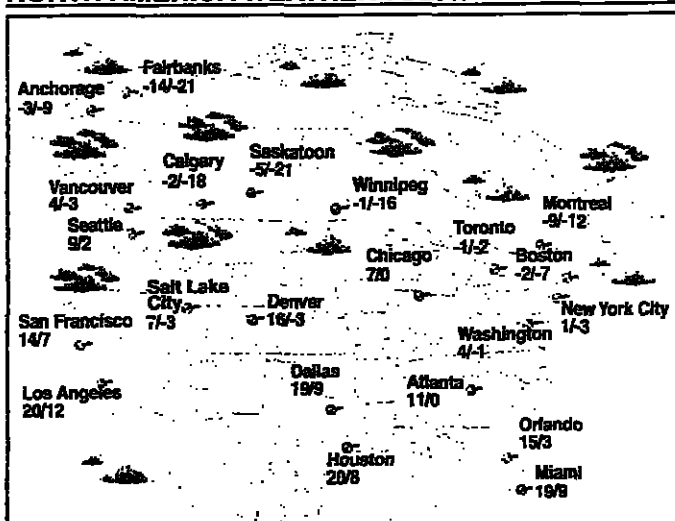
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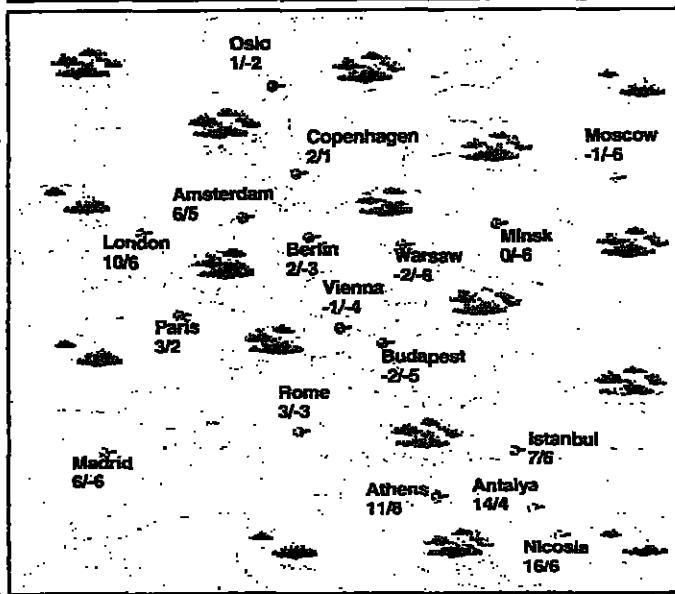
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Weekends

Unprecedented sporting gesture by Wenger

Arsenal to replay FA Cup match despite winning 2-1

By OSSIAN SHINE

LONDON (Reuters) - In an unprecedented move, Arsenal's FA Cup fifth round match with Sheffield United yesterday is to be replayed despite the holders winning 2-1.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger acknowledged immediately after the game that the winning goal was "sport-wise not right."

Marc Overmars scored the winner in the 76th minute in bizarre and highly controversial circumstances.

Nigerian Nwankwo Kanu unwittingly intercepted a throw back towards United's goalkeeper from Arsenal's Ray Parlour after United had kicked the ball out of play so an injured player could receive attention.

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Kanu passed the ball to Overmars who scored virtually unchallenged.

The Nigerian's interception broke an established convention over what happens when a team deliberately kicks the ball out of play in such circumstances and prompted furious protests from United's players and manager Steve Bruce.

Wenger said afterwards: "It was an unfortunate accident... we didn't want to cheat. Unfortunately we scored a second goal which sport-wise, was not right."

"We will offer to replay the game. Kanu is new to English football, he didn't know why the goalkeeper had kicked the ball out of play."

"We wanted to give the ball back but, unfortunately, it happened like that. The maximum I can do is offer to play the game again."

FA spokesman Steve Double said: "Within minutes of Arsene Wenger making his offer known, (acting chief executive) David Davies and (chairman of Challenge Cup committee) Terry Annable discussed it



Sheffield United players argue with the match referee after he allowed Arsenal's controversial winner at Highbury yesterday. (Reuters)

and agreed to Wenger's request.

"It is obviously an unprecedented situation but one we could not ignore. Everybody in football will welcome Wenger's sporting gesture and he should be congratulated for it." Double said the match will be replayed at Highbury on either February 23 or 24 pending police advice.

In other fifth round action, Leeds United and Tottenham drew 1-1 at Elland Road while Derby and first division Huddersfield Town must also replay after a 2-2 draw in Huddersfield.

Substitute Roberto Di Matteo scored with five minutes left to put Chelsea through 1-0 at Sheffield Wednesday, while Everton beat Coventry 2-1 and Barnsley crushed Bristol Rovers 4-1.

George Graham's Tottenham side came out all guns firing for his return to Elland Road and Tim Sherwood's first goal for the visitors gave them the lead minutes into the second half.

Leeds then threw everything at Tottenham and Irish international defender Ian Harte cracked a right foot 20 yard shot past Ian Walker for

the equaliser in the 73rd minute.

Graham said: "We know Leeds are having a good season and they've got some very promising young players. To come up here and get a draw, I was very delighted."

"But they never really carved us up and they never created clear-cut chances - even though they had lots of possession."

"When we went 1-0 up, I thought we'd win. We've all enjoyed it in the Cup so far and, with a replay to come, we've still got a good chance to get to Wembley." Leeds manager David O'Leary said: "I was happy

enough with the result in the end but I thought we could have won it. I thought they got a very scrappy goal - and a bit of a fluke goal - and they will be more pleased than us with the draw."

Today, in the remaining ties, Manchester United host Fulham while Blackburn Rovers travel to Newcastle United.

In yesterday's two premier league games, struggling Charlton Athletic beat 10-man Liverpool 1-0 at The Valley while bottom-of-the-league Nottingham Forest fell 2-1 at West Ham.

Leaders 11 points clear as Betar, Mac. Haifa draw

By ORI LEWIS and DEREK FATTAL

Hapoel Haifa's first title now looks assured as the gap between them, and three teams behind them increased to 11 points yesterday.

The leaders beat Hapoel Jerusalem 1-0 in Haifa and then sat back as Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa ended their match in a 1-1 draw. Maccabi Tel Aviv moved into third place, sandwiched in between Betar and Maccabi Haifa respectively on goal difference after beating Ironi Rishon Lezion 2-1 at home.

The fight for second place, and the UEFA Cup berth which goes with it, therefore become the main talking point for the rest of the season.

Bet. Jerusalem 1, Mac. Haifa 1 Betar were undoubtedly the better of the two sides at Teddy Stadium as 15,000 spectators turned out to see the match of the round.

Haifa had an early chance to score after 12 minutes, but Polish national team captain, Jerzy Brzezick hit his shot directly at Itzik Kornfein, who parried the ball clear.

From then on it was all Betar, who disrupted Haifa's attempts at creating moves in midfield.

The opening goal came on 35 minutes when a pass from midfielder, Silviu diverted the ball to Ofer Shitrit on his left. He then blasted the ball past Nir Davidovich.

Betar might have gone 2-0 up four minutes later only for Sallo's glancing header to narrowly miss Davidovich's left upright.

Referee Meir Levy denied Betar a penalty late in the half when Yossi Benayoun appeared to bring down Tamas Sandor on the edge of the area. Instead, Sandor was shown a yellow card for what the referee claimed was a dive.

Betar finally got their penalty in the second half when Guy Melamed fouled Silviu who was clear for goal. Melamed got his marching orders, but Sallo's spot kick was saved by Davidovich.

Haifa then made a concerted effort to equalize. Benayoun hit the Betar post on 63 minutes and in the 70th minutes, the status quo was restored when Eitan Mizrahi was

sent off for fouling Viktor Pacha in the area. Adoram Casey blasted his penalty shot past Kornfein to see the match end 1-1 and a lucky escape for Haifa.

Haifa's superior quality showed despite the narrow victory. Jerusalem did not make it easy for the league leaders, however, and Liron Bassis's goal in the 35th minute was hotly disputed by the visitors, who appealed vehemently for offside.

Haifa had a poor first half, but Jerusalem's defensive lineup did not give them any attacking options against the best defense in Europe this season.

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National League: Hapoel Kfar Sava 3, Maccabi Petah Tikva 2; Hapoel Beit She'an 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3; Maccabi Jaffa 1, Maccabi Herzliya 2; Betar Jerusalem 1, Hapoel Haifa 1; Hapoel Hadera 1, Hapoel Jerusalem 0; Bnei Yehuda 1, Ironi Ashdod 0; Maccabi Tel Aviv 2, Ironi Rishon Lezion 1; Hapoel Petah Tikva 1, Zairim Holon 1.

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Hapoel Haifa	18	15	2	1	38	6	47
Betar Jerusalem	18	11	3	4	47	22	34
Maccabi Tel Aviv	18	11	3	4	44	19	36
Maccabi Haifa	18	11	3	4	38	15	34
Hapoel Petah Tikva	18	11	3	4	34	24	32
Hapoel Tel Aviv	18	9	5	4	29	19	32
Hapoel Jerusalem	18	8	2	8	26	30	26
Zairim Holon	18	6	7	5	24	15	25
Maccabi Petah Tikva	18	6	5	7	29	28	23
Ironi Ashdod	18	5	6	7	26	32	21
Hapoel Kfar Sava	18	6	3	9	24	42	21
Maccabi Herzliya	18	5	3	10	19	28	18
Bnei Yehuda	18	5	3	10	24	38	18
Ironi Rishon Lezion	18	4	5	9	27	41	17
Hapoel Beit She'an	18	3	2	13	16	53	11
Maccabi Jaffa	18	1	2	15	10	43	5

Second Division: Maccabi Kat. Kana 0, Hakoah Ramat Gan 1; Maccabi Acre 2, Hapoel Beersheba 1; Hapoel Beit Yarm 0, Maccabi Kfar Sava 3; Bnei Nazareth 1, Hapoel Ashkelon 1; Hapoel Ashdod 3, Hapoel Lod 0; Ness Ziona 0, Betar Tel Aviv 1; Betar Beersheba 2, Hapoel Taba 0; Maccabi Netanya 2, Bnei Sakhnin 2.

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Hapoel Beersheba	18	11	4	3	30	8	37
Hakoah Ramat Gan	18	10	6	2	41	17	34
Betar Beersheba	18	12	0	6	27	14	36
Hapoel Ashkelon	18	10	4	4	36	20	34
Maccabi Acre	18	10	3	5	30	22	33
Maccabi Kfar Sava	18	8	5	5	23	19	27
Hapoel Lod	18	4	5	9	19	30	17
Bnei Sakhnin	18	6	5	7	20	23	23
Betar Tel Aviv	18	6	2	10	11	23	20
Maccabi Kat. Kana	18	5	3	10	16	24	18
Ali Nazareth	18	4	6	8	14	23	16
Hapoel Ramat	18	4	5	9	19	30	17
Hapoel Bat Yam	18	3	5	10	23	37	14
Ness Ziona	18	5	1	12	23	44	12
Hapoel Taba	18	1	0	17	12	51	3

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Kenyans break Ein Gedi records

Palestinians a no-show

By HEATHER CHAIT

Even the no-show of the Palestinian runners at the Ein Gedi half marathon yesterday could not diminish the excitement of two new track records, both set by runners from Kenya.

Lornah Kiplagat, a member of the Kenyan gold medal team at last year's world championships in Zurich, sliced almost three minutes off the women's international record in the 21.1 kilometer race, setting a time of 1:11:59. The previous time of 1:14:41 was set in 1993. Kiplagat, whose best time is 1:09:10, struggled to adjust to the 25 degree temperature. "It was very hot and the wind was strong on the way back but I ran pretty well even though my time wasn't my best," said the 24-year-old who has her sights set on Sydney.

Ety Eimer was the first Israeli woman to cross the line and second overall in 1:21:11, repeating her local title from last year.

The men's race was entirely dominated by the Kenyan visitors with both John Kipsang and Abraham Limo bettering the 1994 track record of 1:04:15. Kipsang's winning time was 1:03:39 with Limo five seconds slower. Moroccan Shaham Almati (1:05:31) and Elafoui Boubker (1:06:49) filled the next two slots with Israeli Assaf Birnir fifth in 1:07:06.

The Kenyans set themselves a fast pace right from the start, clocking 14:53 seconds at the 5km mark. Two kilometers later their competition was nowhere to be seen. They began their homeward stretch after 29:42 and 500 meters from the end, Kipsang sprang ahead, leaving Limo in second place.

Both Kipsang and Kiplagat received NIS 6,000, which included NIS 2,000 for their records.

The start list for the 10km race listed the names of eight runners from Nablus and Gaza but their race numbers were never collected. "It's a big disappointment," said race organizer Yaacov Akrish who had arranged for the Palestinian flag to be flown at Friday night's opening ceremony, "but maybe next year."

The Palestinians allegedly decided to boycott the event, the first time they were to compete in an international sports event in Israel, after their bridge team was refused visas to compete in Egypt. "If they wish to be involved in



Kenya's Lornah Kiplagat breezes to victory in Ein Gedi yesterday. (Mati Shtein)

politics, not sport, let them," commented Jacques Cohen, director-general of the Israel Athletics Association.

The 10km race was won by 42-year-old Amit Neeman in 31:45 with triathlete Merav Tarsish winning the women's section in 39:14.

The winner of the wheelchair half-marathon race was Ziv Bar-Shira in 1:00:46.

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